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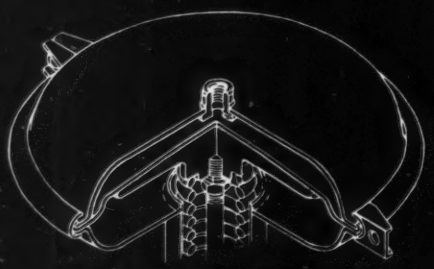

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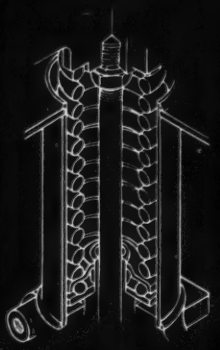

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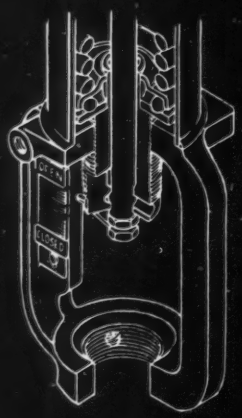

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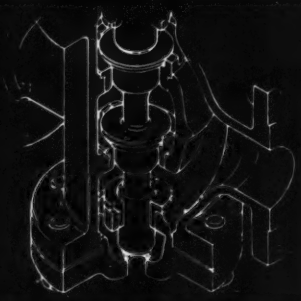

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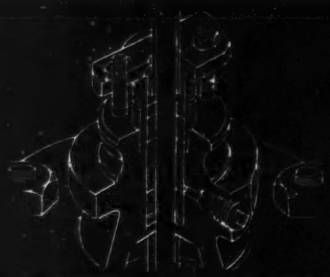

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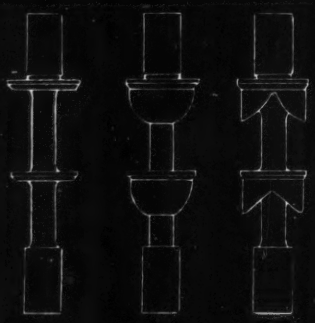

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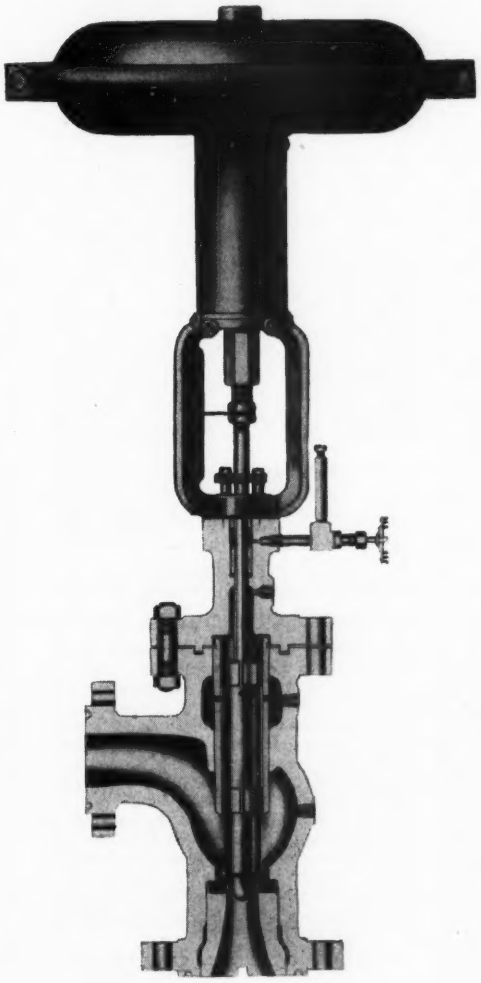

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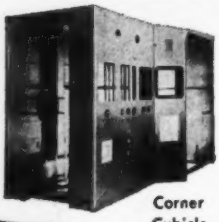

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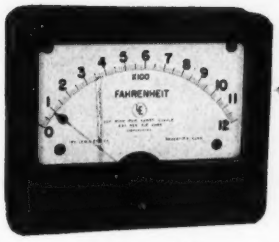


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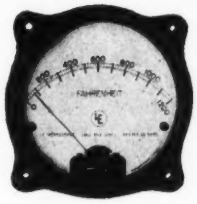

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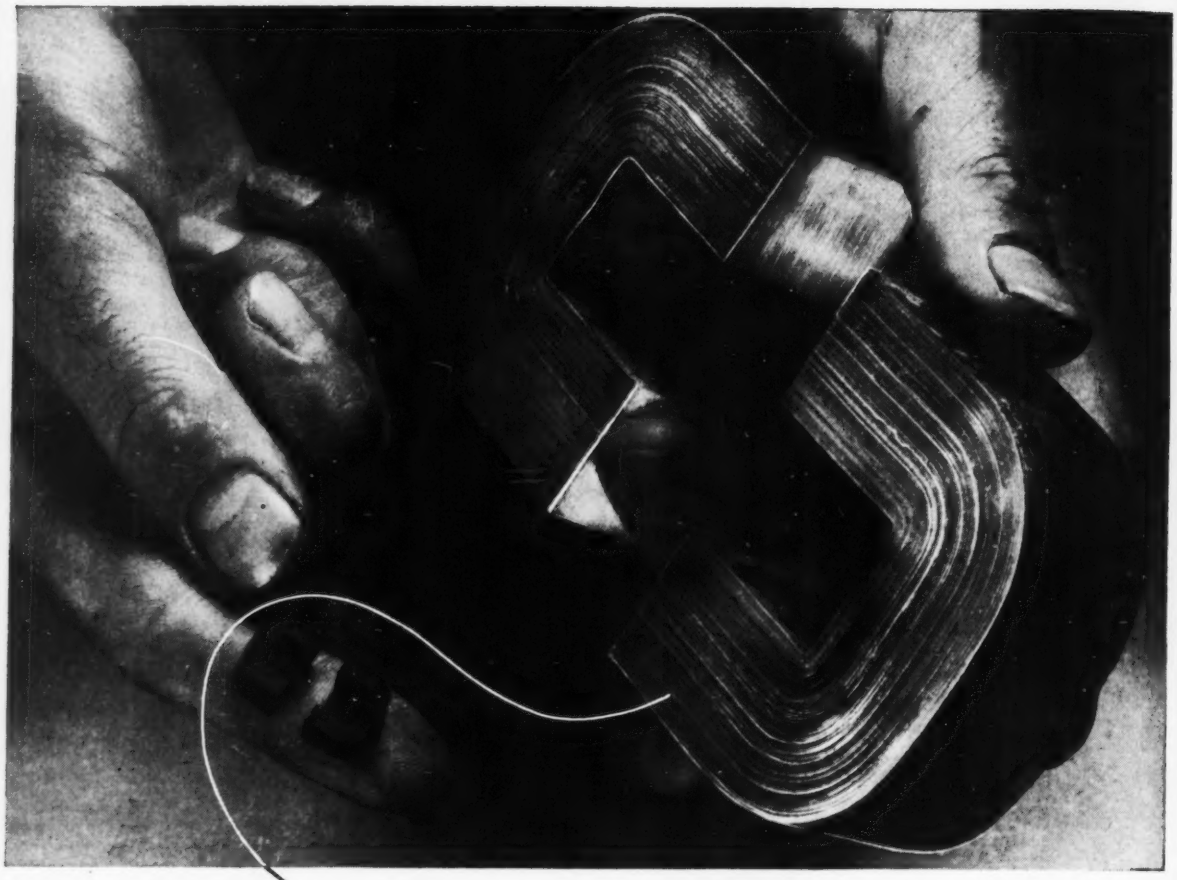

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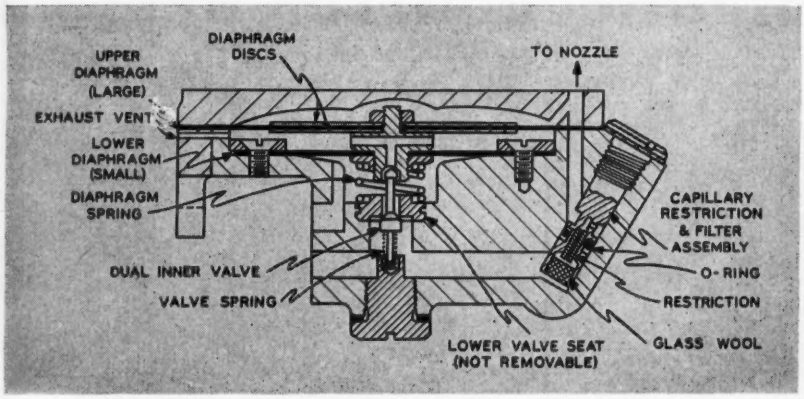


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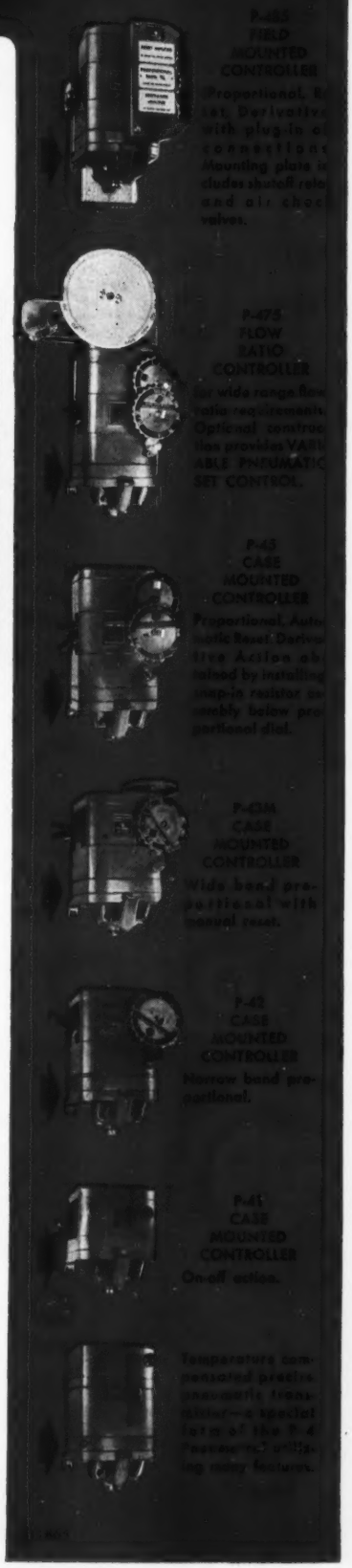

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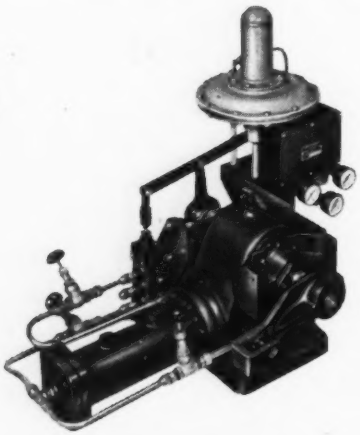

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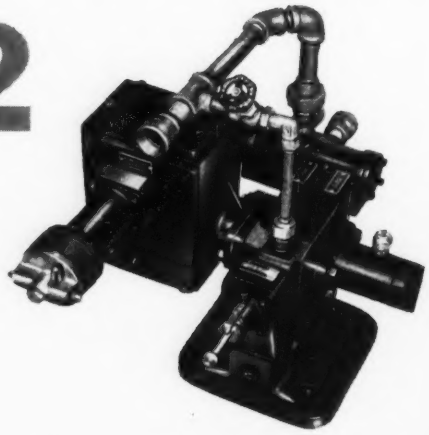

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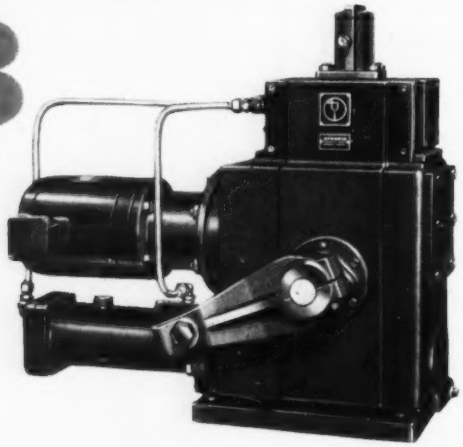

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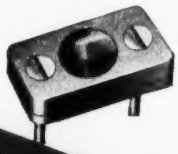

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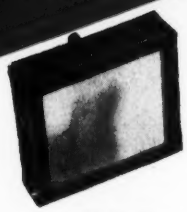

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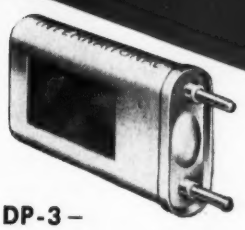

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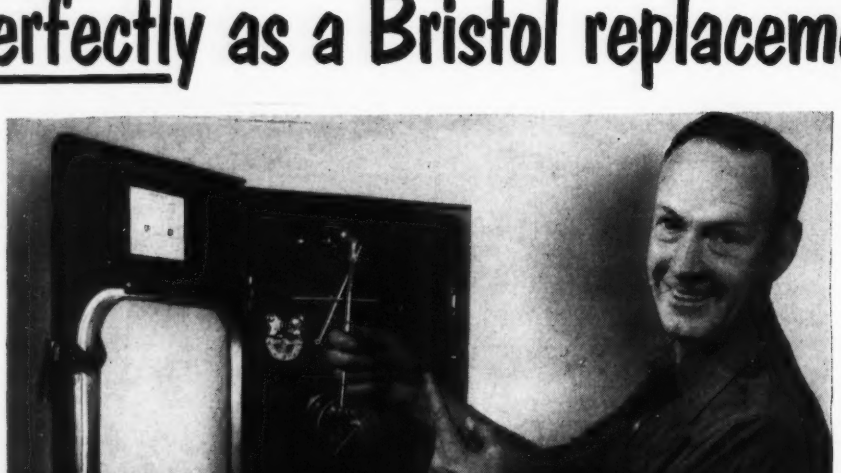

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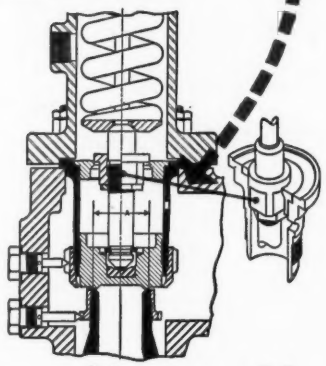

Fig. 1 Fig. 2

When a standard relief valve on gas or vapor service is installed, where back pressure exists, one of two undesirable effects will occur:

**Constant Back Pressure** — The back pressure acts on part of the upper and the overhanging part of the lower surface of the disc, cancelling out the back pressure force. There remains, however, a force acting on the top portion of disc (area A) which increases the spring load and causes the valve to pop "heavy."

**Variable Back Pressure** can not be compensated for by spring adjustments. When one or more valves discharge into a common flare header, variable back pressure is placed on the remaining closed valves. This can create a hazardous condition on remaining closed valves, by adding to the spring force. The valve then is prevented from opening until pressure has risen far above the vessel design limit.

[redacted] is a simple, foolproof method of nullifying these undesirable effects (see Figure 1 above).

**Operation** — Crosby achieves *Stable Popping Pressure* by the addition of a piston affixed to the spindle, of area proportioned to equal the unbalanced area of the disc (area A in Fig. 1). Back pressure introduced through the port in the guide then acts on two equal areas in opposite directions, and cancels itself out, neither aiding nor opposing the spring.

To assure full lift and stability, a vent system (see sectional view of piston, Fig. 2) is employed. When the valve is open, the flats on the piston will vent any accumulated back pressure that would tend to close the valve. The adjustment and operating characteristics are similar to the conventional valve. The actual flow into the bonnet is relatively low and can be vented to atmosphere, or through a properly sized discharge header.

Extensive, trouble-free use in the field has proved the success of this Crosby Balanced Area Design.

# Here's the CROSBY RELIEF VALVE which eliminates back pressure effects

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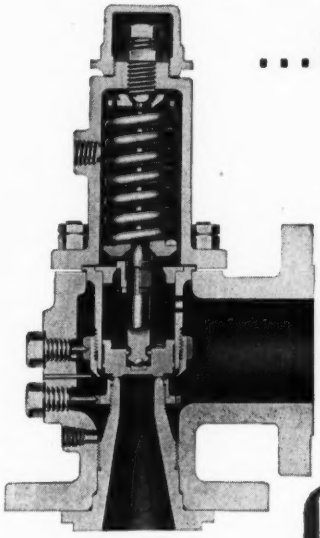

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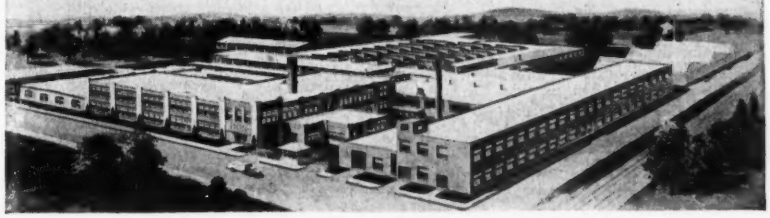

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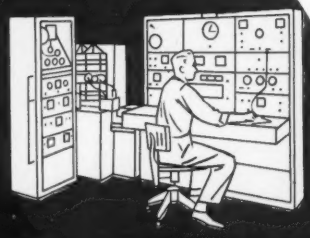

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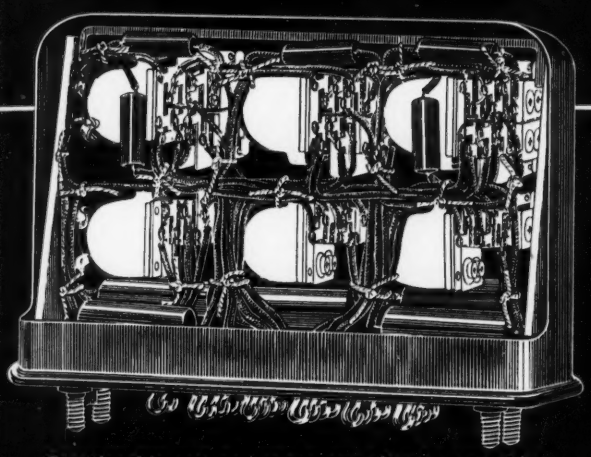
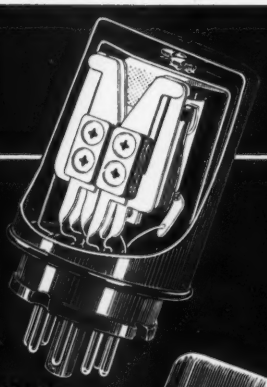


Considerable cost and space can often be saved by sealing more than one relay in an enclosure. Illustration shows six CLARE Type "K" relays, associated resistors and capacitors, wired and mounted in a common enclosure.



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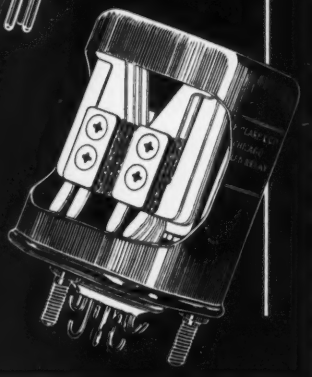

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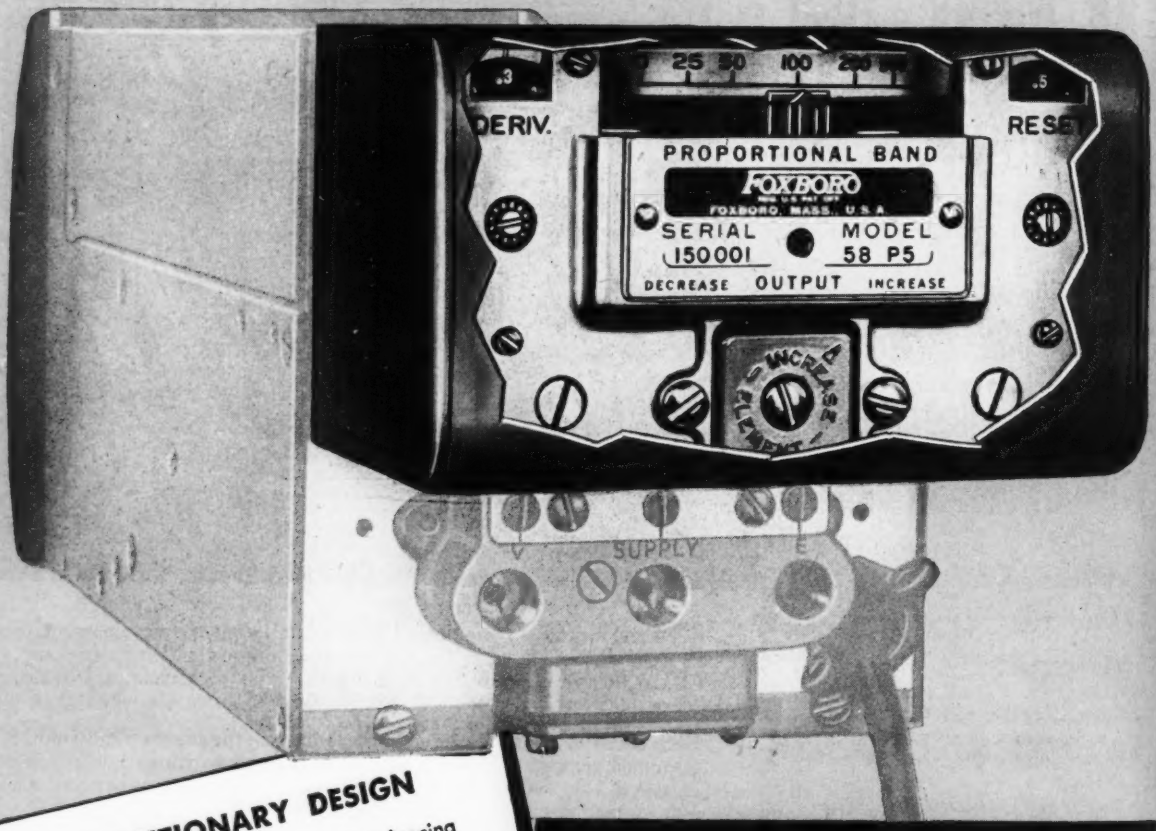
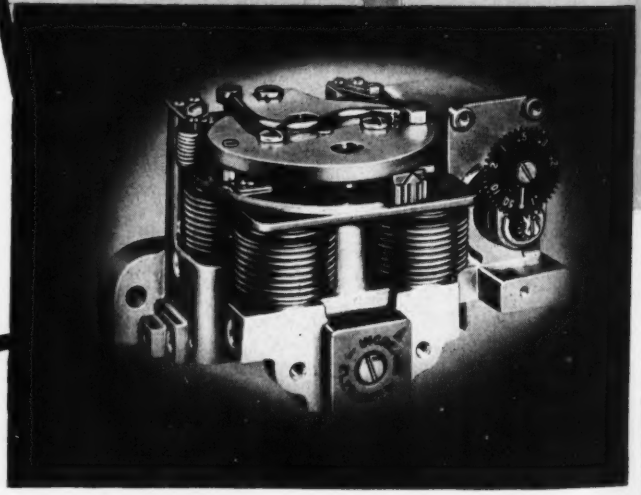



### REVOLUTIONARY DESIGN

The unique Foxboro "floating-disc" balancing system is shown at right with dial-set reset unit. Dial-set derivative unit is plugged in at left of assembly (see above). Conversion from proportional to reset and/or derivative action can be made in the field, in a matter of moments, with only a screwdriver! New design adjustable restrictors provide 1000-1 rangeability, perfect reproducibility, and consistent rates on both increasing and decreasing air pressure. Proportional band is a lever setting, fully adjustable from 0 to infinity.



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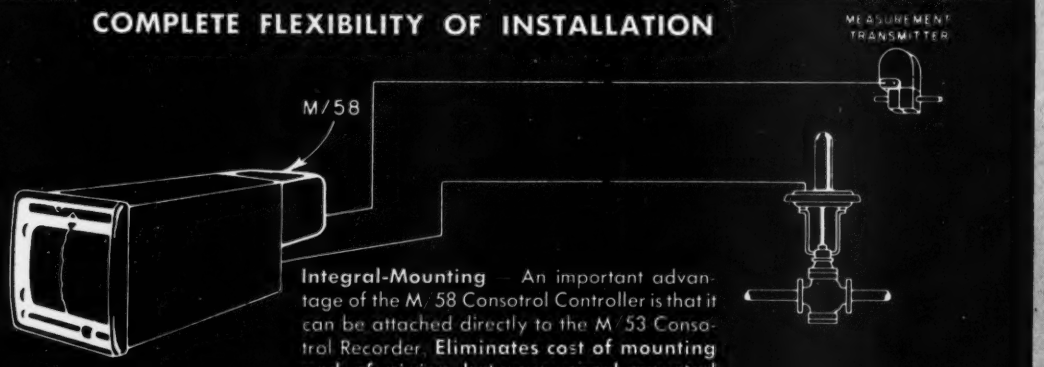
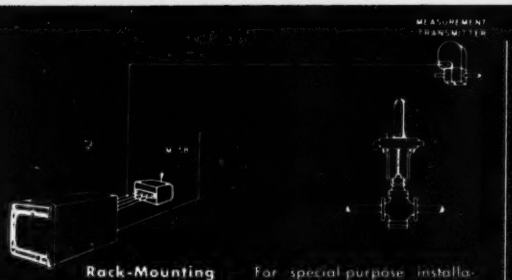
# M/58 CONTROLLER

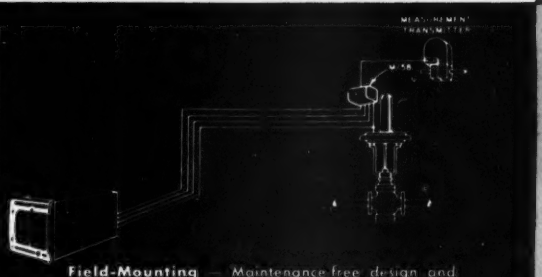
## COMPLETE FLEXIBILITY OF INSTALLATION




**Integral-Mounting** — An important advantage of the M/58 Consotrol Controller is that it can be attached directly to the M/53 Consotrol Recorder. **Eliminates cost of mounting and of piping between panel-mounted recorder and the controller.**



**Rack-Mounting** — For special purpose installations, the M/58 Controller can be rack-mounted and piped to the M/53 Consotrol Recorder or comparable unit.



**Field-Mounting** — Maintenance free design and weatherproof, all metal construction readily permit this usage when the process requires it.

Over and above its extreme compactness for graphic panel use, the new Foxboro M/58 Consotrol Controller offers unique advantages in its simplicity of design, unmatched performance, and ease of installation.

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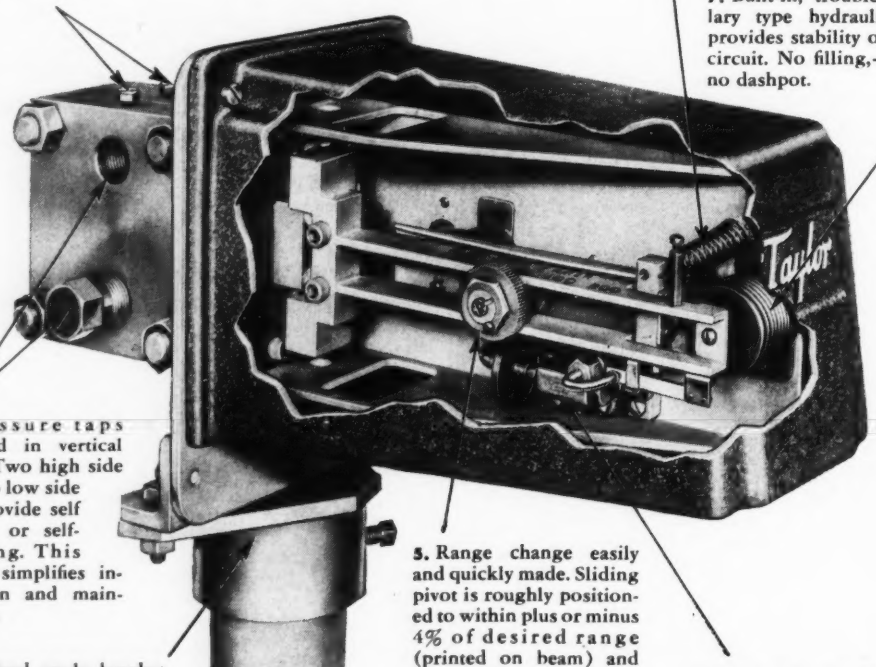


**3.** Pressure taps mounted in vertical plane. Two high side and two low side taps provide self venting or self-draining. This feature simplifies installation and maintenance.

**4.** Standard angle bracket permits side, top or bottom mounting. Pipe stand mounting (also for side, top or bottom) available.

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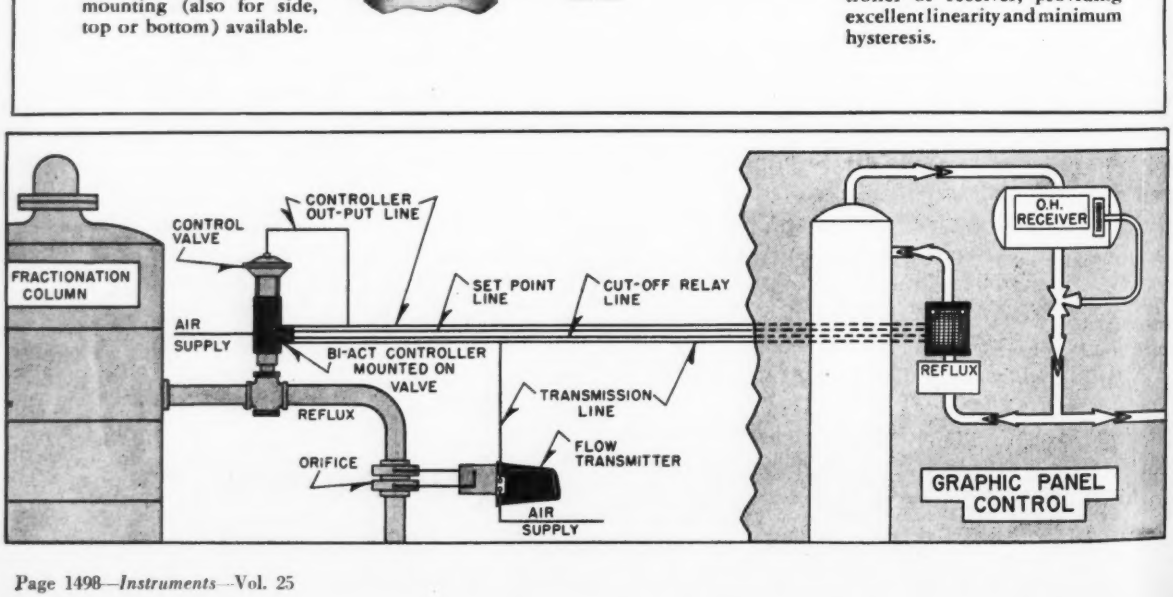
**6.** Relay valve speeds differential pressure changes to controller or receiver, providing excellent linearity and minimum hysteresis.



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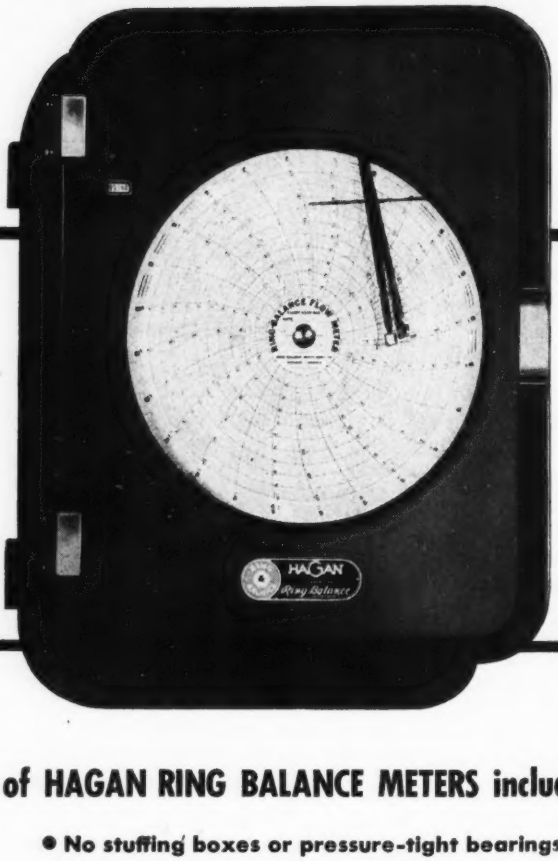


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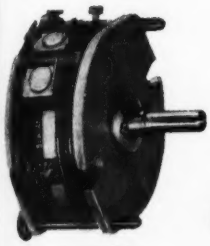

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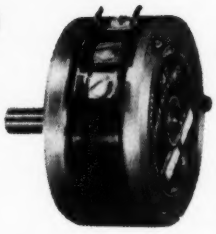

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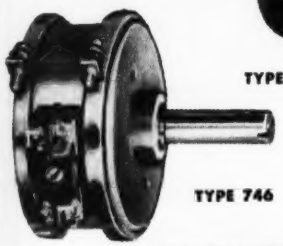

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| Linear (standard), min. | 680 ±3% a | 680 ±3% a | 3,000 ±5% a | 5,000 ±5% a |
| max. | 115,000 ±3% a | 115,000 ±3% a | 100,000 ±5% a | 150,000 ±5% a |
| Linear (special), min. | 85 ±3% a | 85 ±3% a | 50 ±5% a | 80 ±5% a |
| max. | 145,000 ±3% a | 145,00 ±3% a | 115,000 ±5% a | 200,000 ±5% a |
| Non-Linear | b | b | — | — |
| **Electrical Function Angle,** deg. | 320 nominal | 320 nominal | 351.3 ±0.5 | 354.5 ±0.5 |
| **Electrical Contact Angle,** deg., max. | 340 | 340 | 351.3 (+4, −0) | 354.5 (+4, −0) |
| **Mechanical Rotation** | Continuous | Continuous | Continuous | Continuous |
| **Functional Tolerance** (guaranteed), per cent | | | | |
| Linear, Some Non-Linear | ±0.50 c | ±0.50 c | ±0.15 d | +0.10 e |
| Other Non-Linear | ±1.00 | ±1.00 | — | — |
| **Mechanical Accuracy** | | | | |
| Concentricity (shaft to pilot bushing), in., FIR max. | 0.0025 | 0.0010 | 0.0025 | 0.0025 |
| Radial Shaft Play, in., max. | 0.0015 | 0.0009 | 0.0015 | 0.0015 |
| Shaft, dia., in. | Centerless ground stainless steel to 0.2500 (+0.0000, −0.0005 in.) | Centerless ground stainless steel to 0.2497 (+0.0000, −0.0002 in.) | Centerless ground stainless steel to 0.2500 (+0.0000, −0.0005 in.) | Centerless ground stainless steel to 0.2500 (+0.0000, −0.0005 in.) |
| Pilot Bushing, dia., in. | Machined to 0.5000 (+0.0000, −0.0005 in.) | Machined to 0.5000 (+0.0000, −0.0005 in.) | Machined to 0.7500 (+0.0000, −0.0005 in.) | Machined to 0.7500 (+0.0000, −0.0005 in.) |
| **Torque,** oz.-in. per cup | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| **Wattage** (rated at 40 C ambient temperature) | 2.5 | 2.5 | 4 | 5 |
| **Terminal Voltage,** max. | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| **Voltage Breakdown at Sea Level** (60 cyc.e) RMS | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 |
| **Taps,** number per cup | 9 f | 1 fg | 12 h | 16 h |
| accuracy of location, deg. | ±1 | ±1 | ±1 | ±0.5 |
| width, deg., max. | 1.00 i | 1.00 i | 0.75 i | 0.60 i |
| **Ganging on Single Shaft,** max. | 5 | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| **Operating Ambient Temperature Range,** deg. C | −55 to +71 | −55 to +71 | −55 to +71 | −55 to +71 |
| **Service Life,** cycles, max. | 5,000,000 j | 5,000,000 j | 10,000,000 j | 10,000,000 j |
| **Dimensions,** in. | | | | |
| Diameter | 1.899 | 1.750 | 2.093 | 3.093 |
| Length (one cup), max. | 0.795 | 0.800 ±0.009 | 1.156 | 1.156 |
| Added Length Per Unit Ganged | 0.609 | 0.580 ±0.002 | 0.594 | 0.594 |

a *Tolerance on both linearity and over-all resistance may vary or be improved depending on resistance value required.*

b *Maximum resistance range depends on requirements. Tolerance on over-all resistance of non-linear windings is ±5%.*

c *Linearity up to ±0.30% on the higher resolution windings by special order.*

d *Linearity up to ±0.10% on the higher resolution windings by special order.*

e *Linearity up to ±0.05% on the higher resolution windings by special order.*

f *By adding dummy cup section, 19 taps can be provided.*

g *Two taps can be provided by slight design modification using terminal board clamp screw modified for wiper terminal.*

h *Depending on spacing requirements and without moving bridge or wiper terminal.*

i *Varies with resolution.*

j *Life will be guaranteed depending on specific potentiometer required.*

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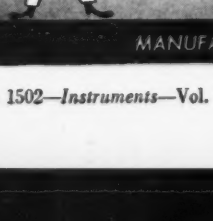

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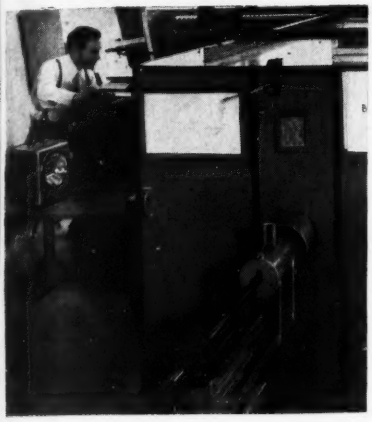

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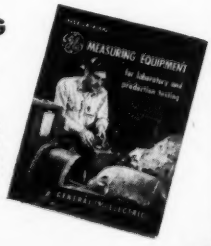


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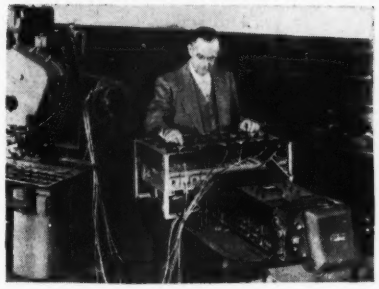

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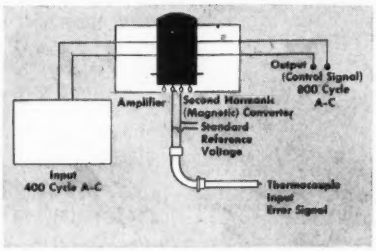


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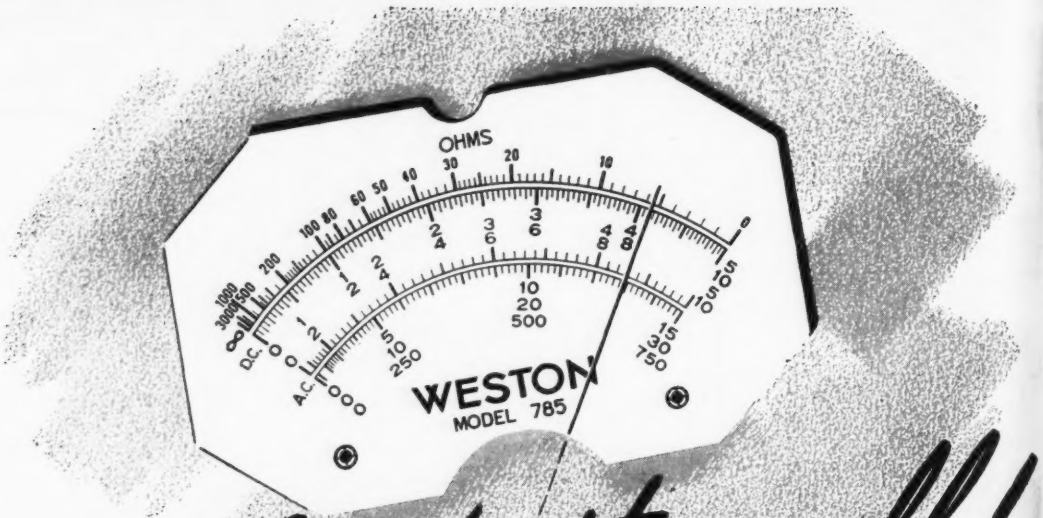


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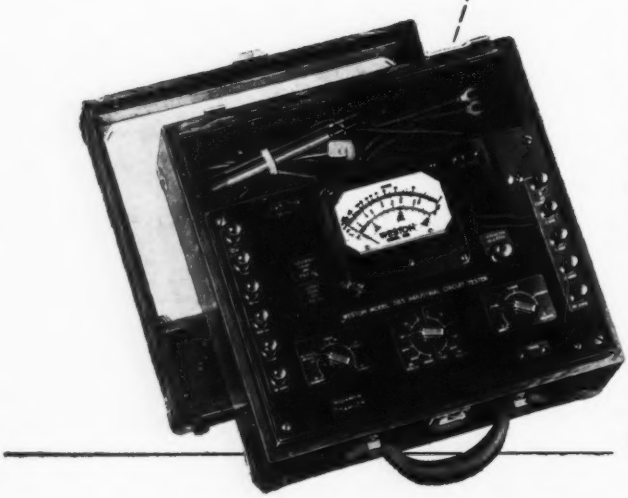

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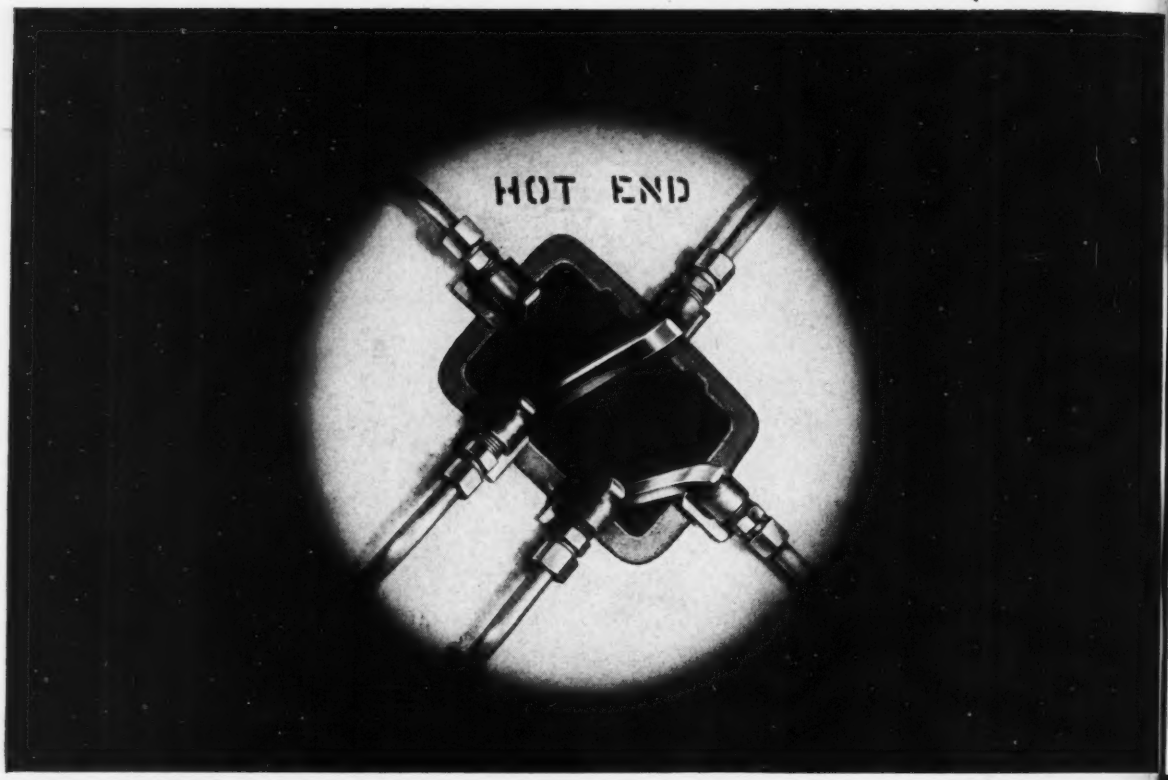


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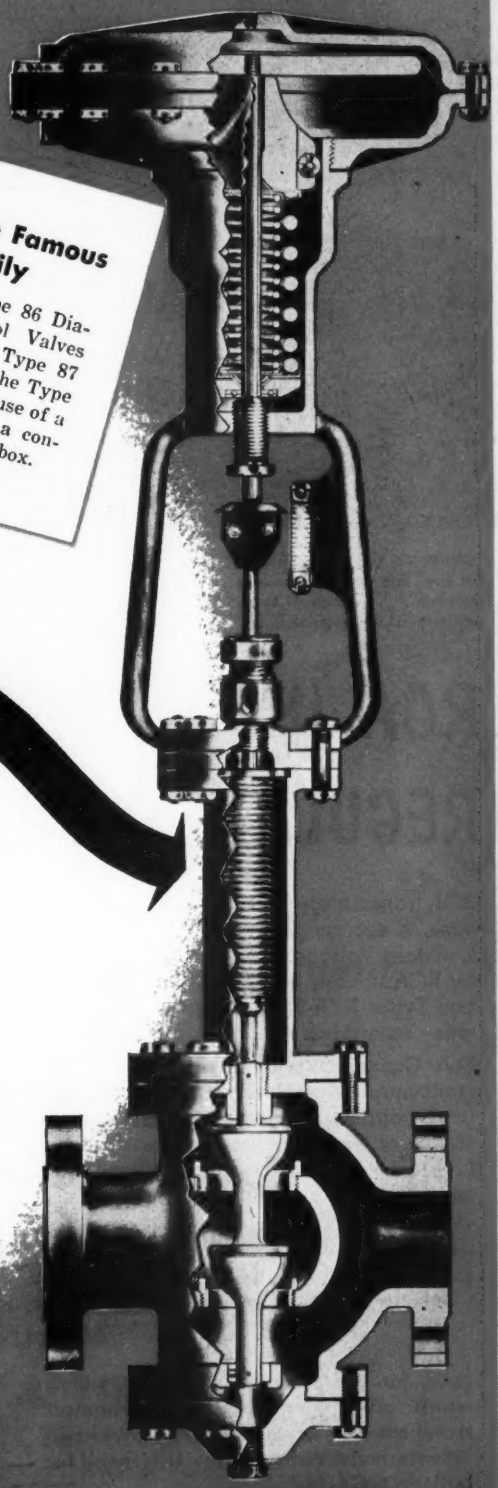

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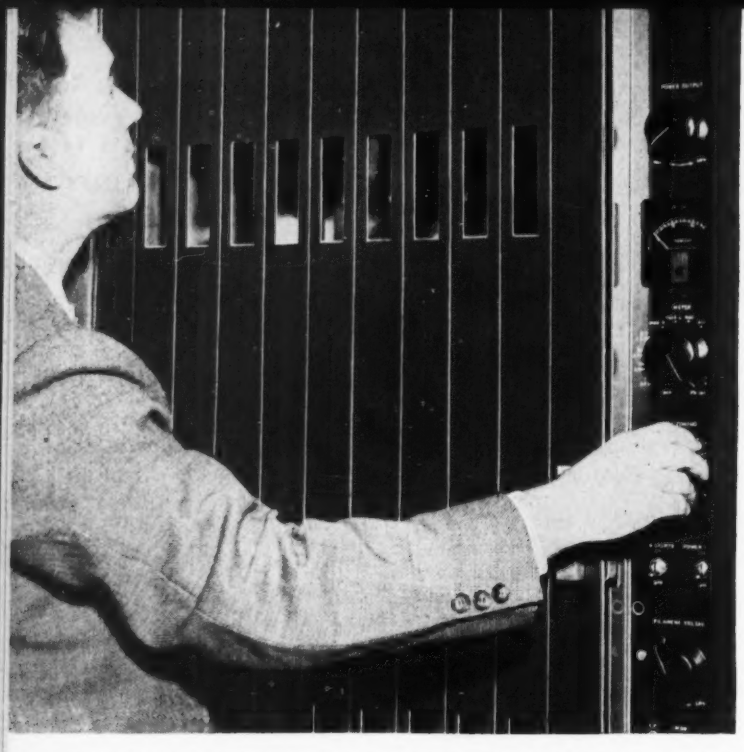

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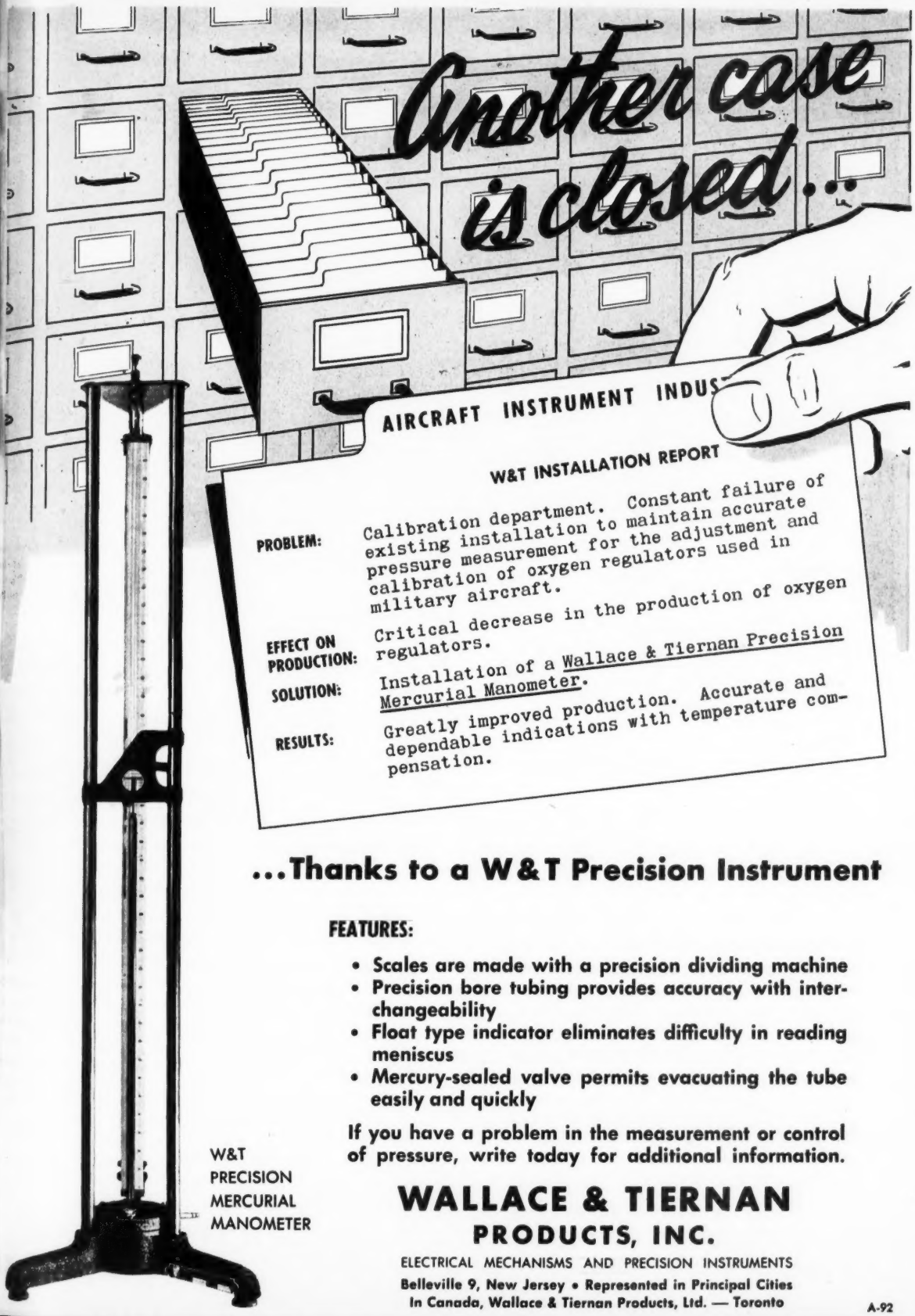
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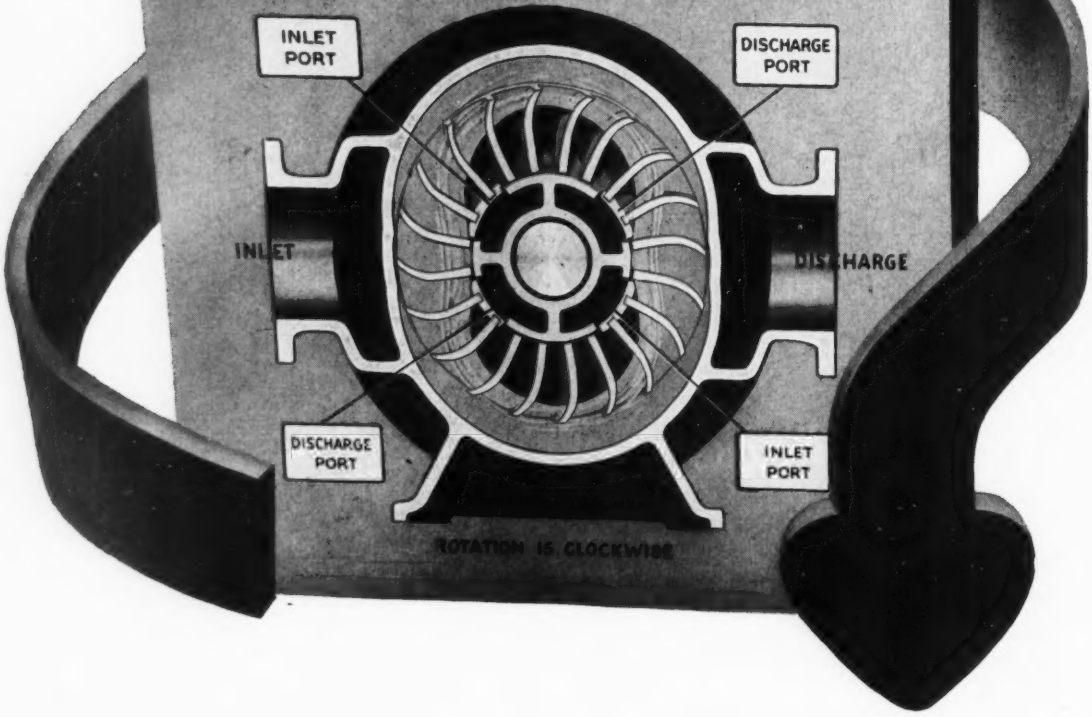


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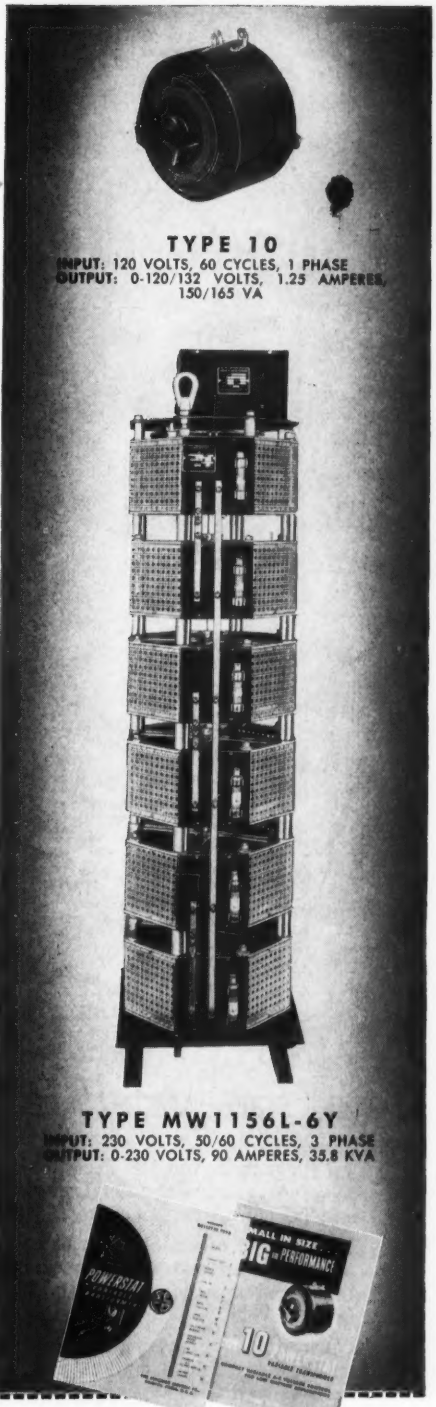

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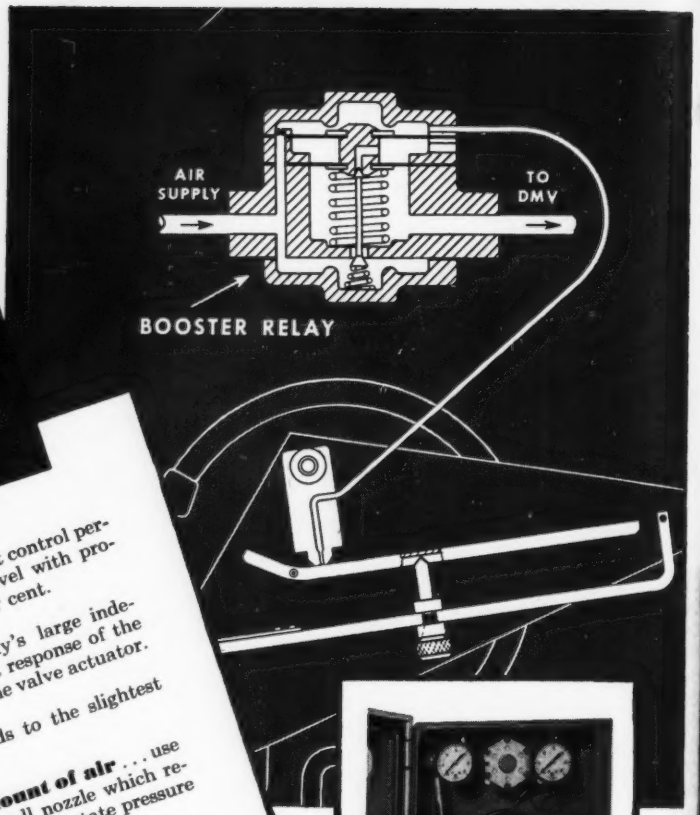


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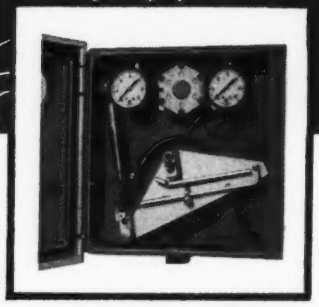

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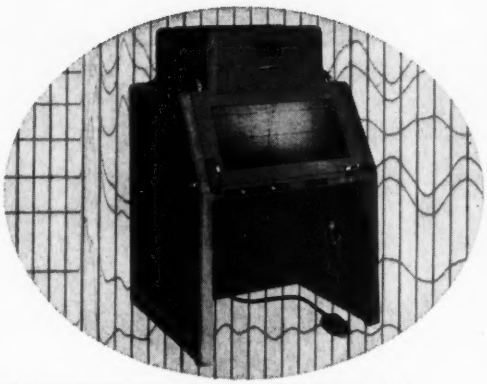

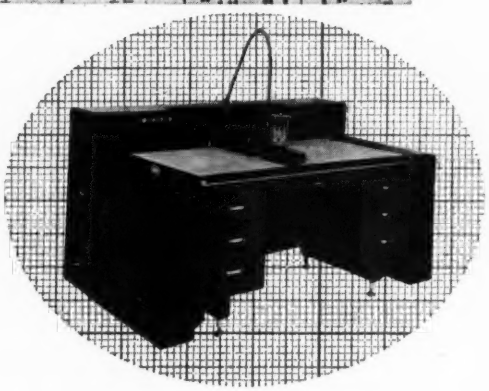

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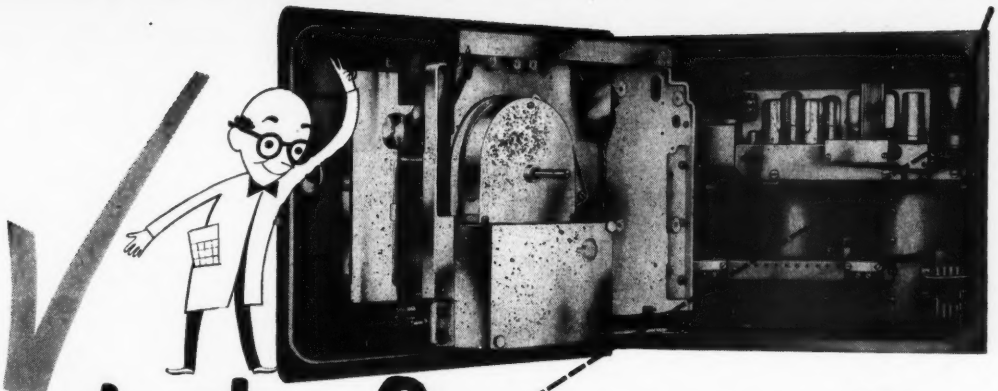

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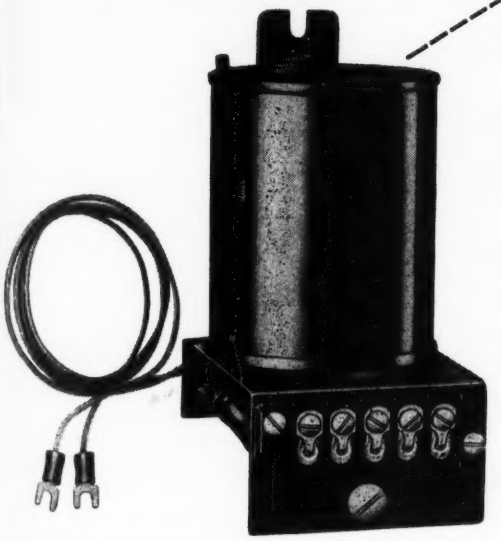

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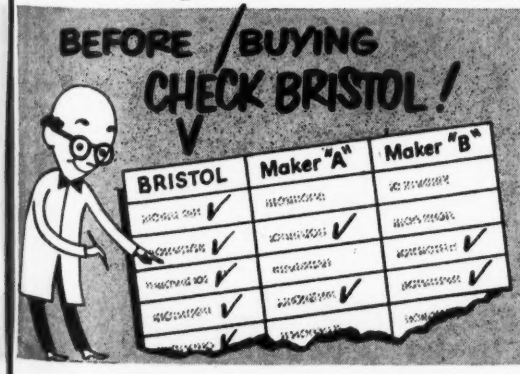


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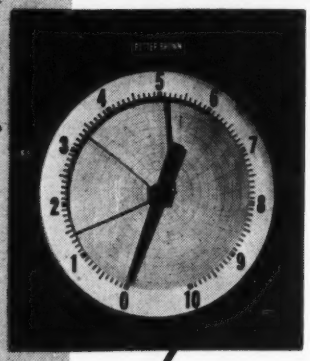

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**The Potter design causes fluid flow through the unit to establish upstream thrust components which exceed the downstream drag on the rotor. This enables the rotor to spin freely without friction in a "no-slip" condition within its rated capacities. Accuracy is maintained within ±½%. Fluid viscosity, pressure, temperature, and specific gravity only slightly affect the volumetric flow rate.**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

| Sensing Element Size | Contg. Tube, Size | Over-all Length | Hex. | Height (incl. coil) | Weight in Stainless Steel | Weight in Aluminum | Range, gpm |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3/16" | 3/8" | 2 7/16" | 1 3/16" | 1 3/4" | 5 oz. | 2½ oz. | .09-.7 |
| 3/8" | 3/8" | 2 7/16" | 1 3/16" | 1 3/4" | 5 oz. | 2½ oz. | .2-2.0 |
| 1/2" | 1/2" | 2 7/16" | 1 3/16" | 1 3/4" | 5 oz. | 2½ oz. | .9-9 |
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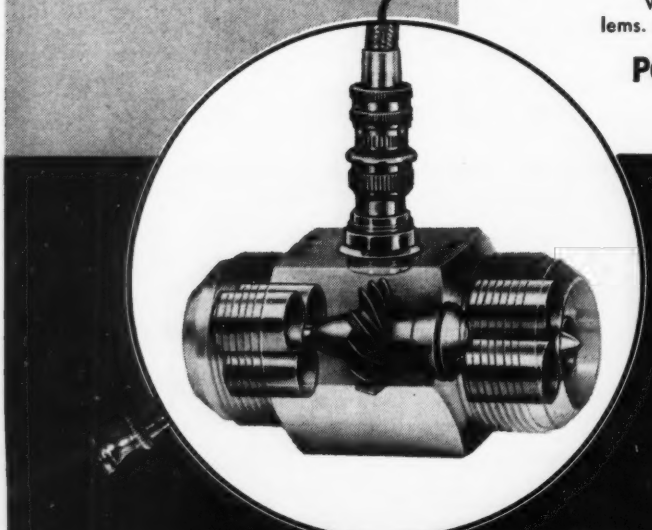

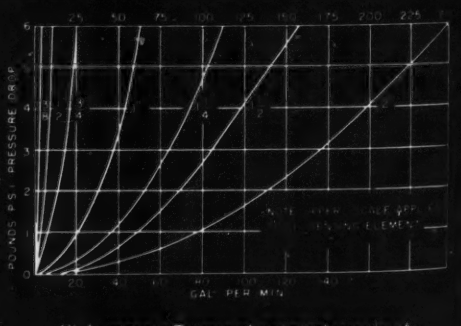


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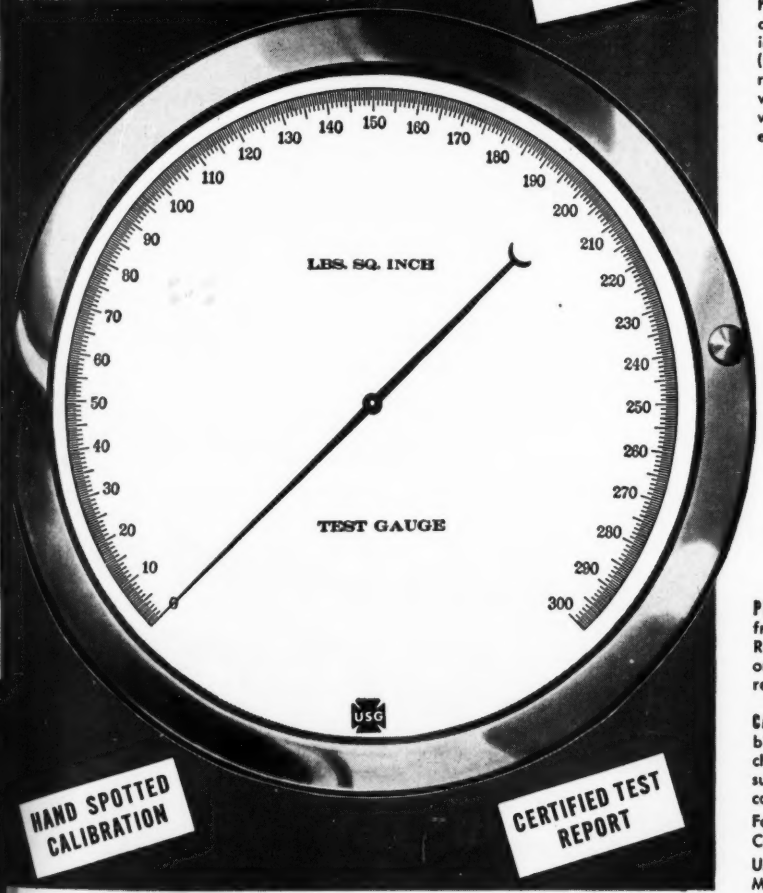


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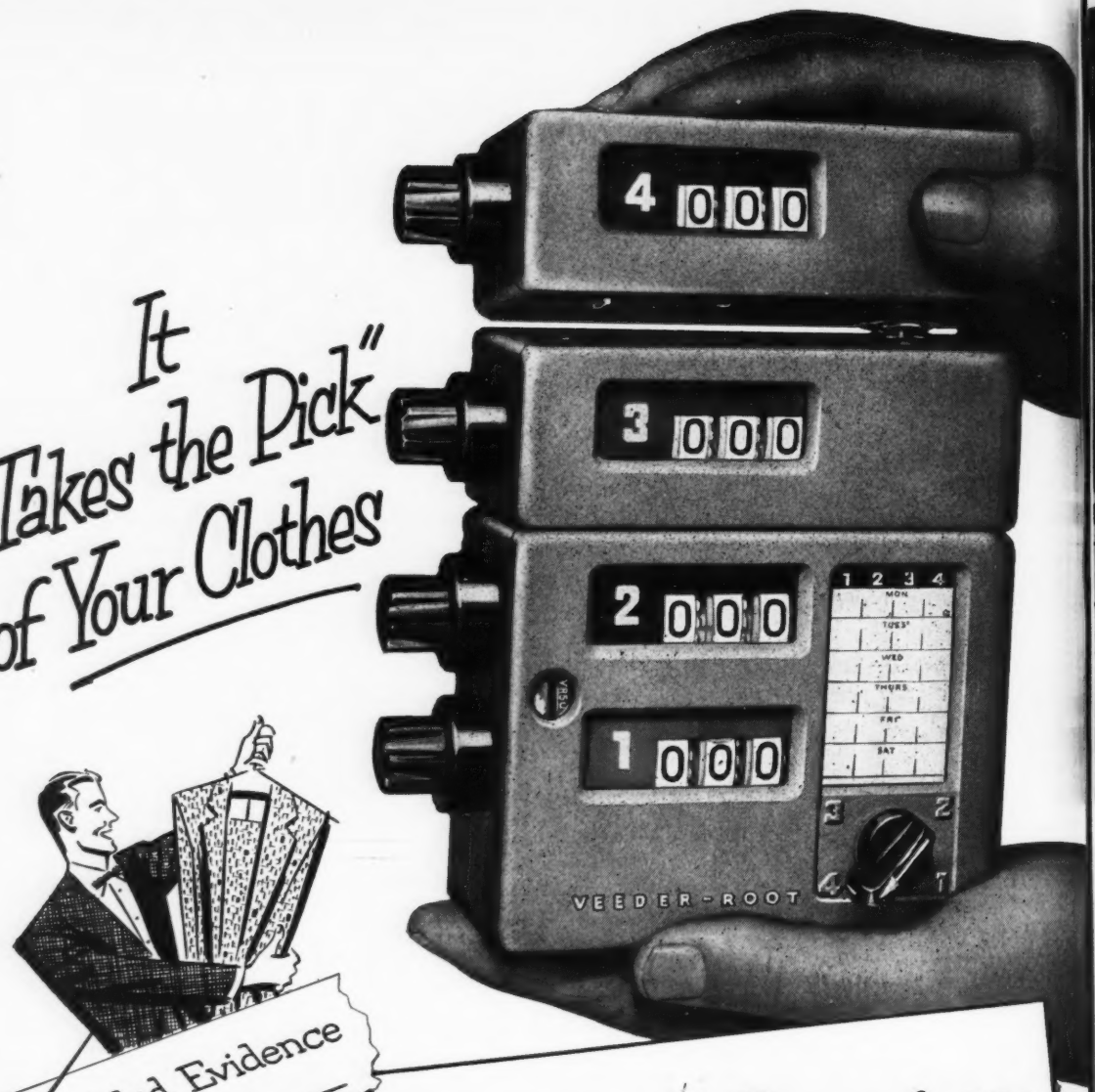


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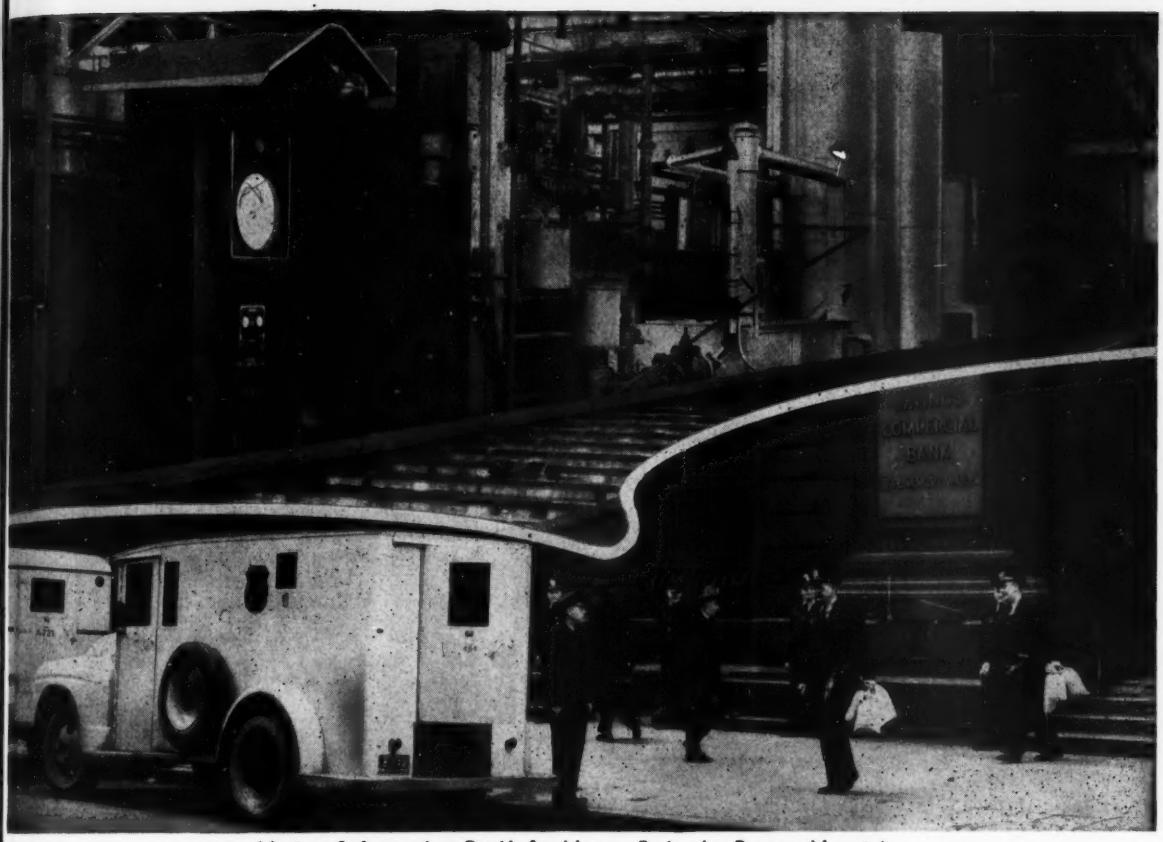

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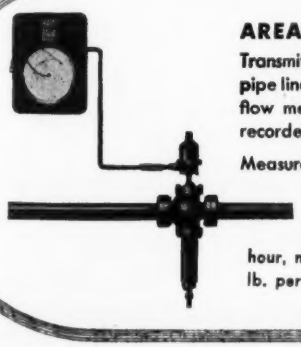

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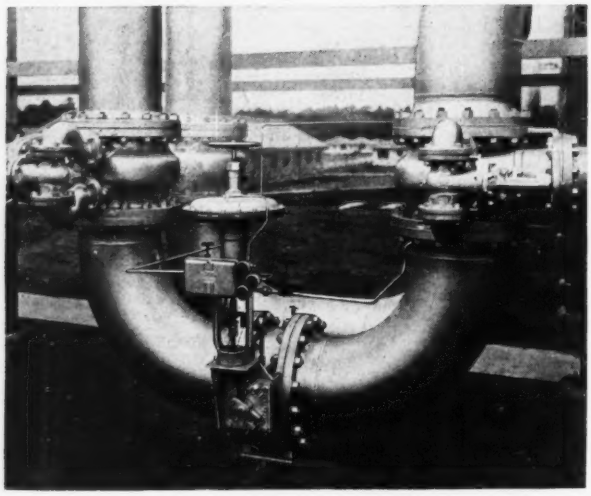

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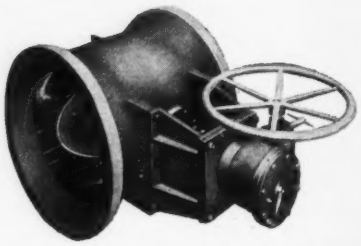

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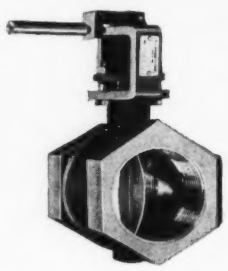

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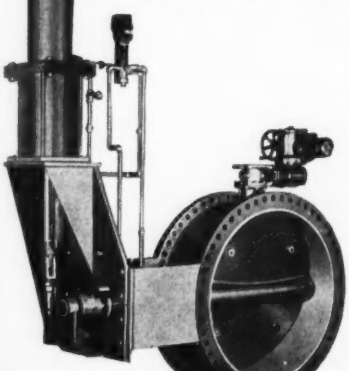

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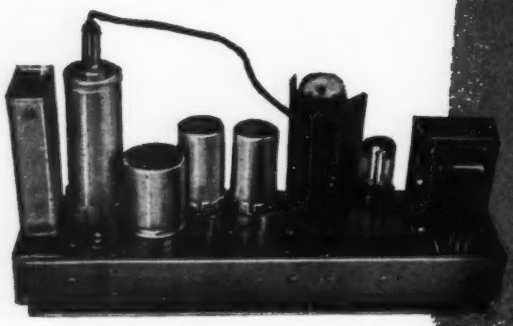

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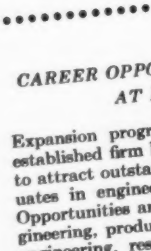

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Dear Subscriber:

Three matters call for my addressing a few personal words to you:

1. AN INVITATION.—The January issue of *Instruments* will be its 25th Anniversary Issue in which, as usual on such an occasion, the past and the future will be examined. Therefore, I earnestly invite all thoughtful and experienced readers to contribute brief statements—each on the prospects for his own field. We here in Pittsburgh cannot possibly know the specific plans—far less the ideas and aspirations—of thousands of imaginative "Instrument Men." YOU, for example, have some constructive ideas that are not known outside of your intimate circle. This is your opportunity to air these ideas which may contribute to the future progress of America through Instrumentation.

(Note. Brevity is essential: 200 words should suffice. Manuscripts should be typed double-space on one side of paper. And PLEASE have your contribution reach us by Monday December 15.)

2. INSTRUMENT & APPARATUS NEWS—.This is the name of a new tabloid-style bimonthly magazine, whose first issue will appear in February 1953. It will be sent every two months to 100,000 technical workers who are not subscribers to *Instruments*. To them it will bring news of new instruments and new literature, all picked up from previous issues of *Instruments*. It will have no technical articles. Naturally, it will not be sent to *Instruments* subscribers—who will have read all the news items in *Instruments*.

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## Editorial Comment

### *Electronics?*

W. L. Everitt, prominent author, Fellow and Past President of the IRE, and Dean of the College of Engineering of the University of Illinois suggests (in the August 1952 issue of the *Proceedings of the I. R. E.*) the following "re-definition" of electronics:

"Electronics is the science and technology which deals primarily with the supplementing of man's senses and his brain power by devices which collect and process information, transmit it to the point needed, and there either control machines or present the processed information to human beings for their direct use."

We do not like to take exception to the idea of so prominent a man. But this precise definition of INSTRUMENTATION must not be permitted to be abused in this manner. There happen to be many NONELECTRONIC pneumatic, hydraulic, optical, chemical, electrical, and mechanical instruments which "supplement man's senses and power by collecting information, transmitting it where needed, and there controlling machines." Many of these nonelectronics devices are very old and reliable servants of mankind. Although all these nonelectronic portions of the field of Instrumentation now greet electronic devices as full partners in the continuing struggle against man's sensorial and muscular limitations, they are not yet ready to be called "electronic."

### *On Technical English*

While we are in the mood to take exception with the giants in our field, we shall review the new book "Instrument Engineering," Vol. 1, Methods For Describing The Situations of Instrument Engineering, by Charles S. Draper, Walter McKay, and Sidney Lees of M. I. T. (McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1952, $6.00).

The primary purpose of this book is to represent the static and dynamic responses of open- and closed-loop systems in terms of performance operators and performance functions. Operating systems are generalized and basic concepts and notations are presented. Statistical methods and sinoidal responses also are included. Emphasis is on notational conventions throughout the book.

The technical job is excellent, the mathematics is profound, and the subject is important. But one serious defect must be pointed out if only because the title of the book is "Methods For Describing the Situations of Instrument Engineering." Someone must object when terms such as "actuating input function product—reference input function product performance function ratio function" (p. 134), "single reference quantity—single dependent quantity performance function form" (p. 234), or "amplitude ratio determined frequency ratio operating range upper limit" (p. 256) are considered terminology for functions of any type. These are not three isolated examples. Starting on page 17 with "balance mass screw drive motor power control system" and right down to the last sentence in the book—"For this reason, the reference input function product is placed in the compared quantity subscript position, and the identified input function product is given the reference quantity subscript position in the subscripts for the frequency function ratio function"—the book uses a German-brand of English that will not help describe "situations of instrument engineering." The danger is that the subject will appear much more complicated to the student than it really is.

English phrases of this lengthy type are unwieldy, difficult to assimilate, and (worst of all) ambiguous. There is a host of meanings ascribable to the term "balance mass screw drive motor power control system." It could be a balance system for power control of a mass-screw drive, or it could be a balance-control system for mass-screw drive of motor power, or it could be several other things, including the author's intended one—power-control system for the balance-mass-screw-drive motor. Note that this contains every word that the original does, but in unambiguous form. All that the author need have said is "control system for the screw-drive motor."

We make these points to show that poor technical English is ambiguous. For example, in an oscilloscope the deflection plates which deflect the spot horizontally are situated in a vertical position. Thus the horizontal-deflection plates ARE vertical deflection plates; similarly vertical-deflection plates ARE horizontal deflection plates.

The purpose for writing the above is two-fold. First, authors of technical literature should learn the art of writing clearly and simply (or else employ good technical editors). Secondly, we want our readers to know that there is a difference between brands of technical English; we work hard to make it the best for you. **MHA**

# The Month's NEW INSTRUMENTS

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## Oxygen Analyzer

New "Model F-3," latest addition to maker's line of oxygen analyzers, is designed for combustion applications in power plants, steel mills, cement and ceramic kilns, and petroleum refineries. It indicates oxygen content of flue or process gas by utilizing fact that oxygen is unique among gases in that it is strongly paramagnetic (attracted into a magnetic field). "F-3" measures magnetic susceptibility of a continuous sample of flue or process gas; therefore is unaffected by gases other than oxygen. Accuracy is within 1 percent of full scale for spans of 5 percent and greater. Combustion ranges include 0-5, 0-10, 0-15 percent, and are supplied with a second range of 25 percent. Other ranges to 0-100 percent are available. A positive check of proper operation is made by recording air-point on second range. Any standard potentiometer recorder, controller, or pneumatic receiver can be used with "F-3."—*Arnold O. Beckman, Inc.*, 1020 *Mission St., South Pasadena, Calif.*

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## Manual-loading Stations

New models of maker's loading stations have effective operating range extended to 0-28 psi. Range extension has been made available for regulating single-seated and three-way valves operating against high upstream pressure. —*Industrial Div., Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Philadelphia* 44, *Pa.*

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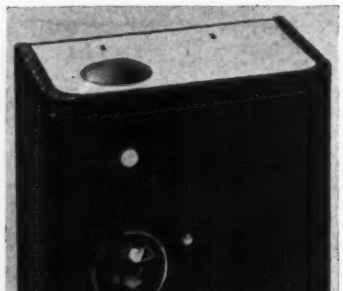
## Manual Relay for Optional End-point Process Control

New cut-off relay provides end-point temperature (or pressure, pH, etc.) control for processes requiring automatic shutdowns and manual resetting.



It operates as follows (temperature example): During heating period with "low" contact of temperature controller closed, operator depresses a contact pushbutton in relay. This lights a green signal, and motorized valve is energized to supply heat to process. When process temperature reaches set point and "low" contact opens, valve circuit is broken, de-energizing signal light. Power will not be restored to valve when controller's "low" contact closes unless relay's reset button is depressed. Relay capacity, 13 amps. at 115 v. or 6.5 amps. at 230 v.—*Industrial Div., Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Philadelphia* 44, *Pa.*

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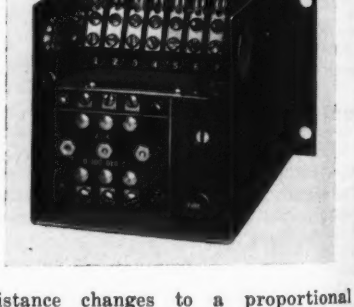
## Temperature Transmitter

New "Type T2T Autronic Temperature Transmitter," designed primarily for use with maker's "Autronic Control System," comprises two major assemblies: resistance thermometer element and thermometer adapter unit. Thermometer element is made of pure platinum wire wound on a ceramic core and sealed in an Inconel tube. Standard thermowell, lagging extension thermowell, or finned thermowell styles are available. Adapter unit converts resistance changes to a proportional signal voltage which varies from zero to 0.5 volt 60-cps. for full range of measuring element. Three-wire system compensates for variations in lead wire resistance. A special adjustment compensates for minor variations in thermometer element resistance. Each thermometer element is factory calibrated and compensator setting for thermometer adapter is determined and stamped on thermometer name plate. Adapter unit removable range card gives a total of 24 spans, with extreme limits of minus 50 C. and 325 C.; also available in F.; special range cards can be supplied.—*The Swartwout Co.*, 18511 *Euclid Ave., Cleveland* 12, *Ohio.*



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## Reactor-control Instrumentation

New nuclear reactor control instrumentation, said to be complete, is commercially available. All instruments are made to Oak Ridge National Lab specs. They include: period amplifier, log count rate meter, sigma amplifier, power supply for compensated ionization chamber, magnet amplifier, log *n* amplifier, Oak Ridge A1 linear amplifier, micromicroammeter, period recorder, log *n* recorder, parallel circular plate chamber and compensated ionization chamber. Undersigned are also offering their services and counsel. —*Reactor Dept., Radiation Counter Laboratories, Inc.*, 5122 *W. Grove St., Skokie, Illinois.*

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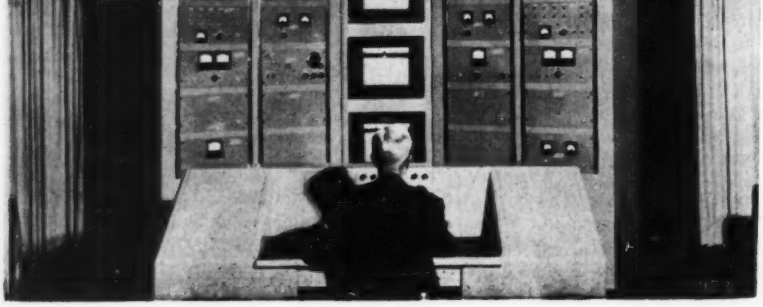
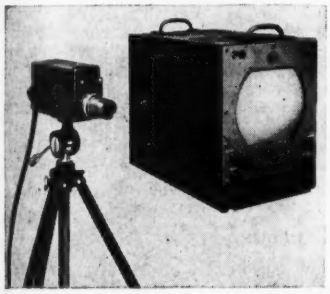


## Closed-circuit Industrial Television System

New "Model 1 TV-5" first commercial model of maker's "Vidicon" system of wired industrial television, incorporates numerous technical improvements over maker's older models of industrial TV systems which have been supplied in small quantities on high-priority orders. New camera contains new "Vidicon" photoconductive camera tube, almost as sensitive as studio-type "Orthicon" tube. Entire equipment consists of: (1) camera, weighing 7.5 lbs. and about the size of a 16mm movie camera; (2) combination 10-in.-screen monitor,



power supply, and control unit housed in portable case smaller than a home table model TV set; (3) a length of .625-in. 18-conductor camera cable. Entire "ITV-5" system uses 22 electron tubes, less than half number used in maker's first (1947) industrial TV chain. High-quality pictures can be obtained without excessive illumination. Scanning frequencies are 525 lines, 30 fields, 60 frames, interlaced, per second —same as those of standard broadcast TV. Home TV sets can be used with new system as auxiliary viewers. Equipment can also be operated with microwave transmission from camera to receiver over extended distances. New system operates from ordinary 115-v. a.c. supply, is completely self-contained. Power consumption 230 watts.—*Engineering Products Div., RCA, Camden, N. J.*

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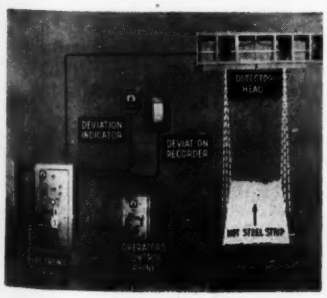
## Continuous Thickness Gage for Hot Steel Strip

New "Steel Mill Width Gage," a noncontacting system which continuously measures width of hot strip steel to 1/8-in. accuracy, is said to be "the first equipment of its kind ever developed." Gasket-sealed detector head mounted 15 ft. above hot strip steel has two phototube scanners whose output signals (two pulsating square-waves) are each amplified, added together, and balanced





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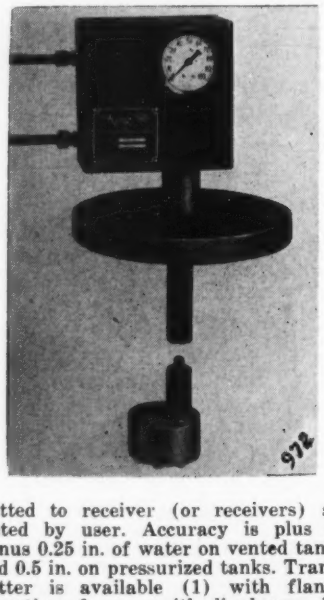
## Pressure Transmitter

New Pressure Transmitter, for use with pneumatically-operated instruments, provides a positive seal and can be used with acids, alkalis, solvents, etc. System includes a diaphragm exposed to fluid to be measured: fluid's pressure on outer side of diaphragm is continuously and automatically balanced by air pressure supplied to inner side; and this air pressure is transmitted to receiver (or receivers) selected by user. Accuracy is plus or minus 0.25 in. of water on vented tanks and 0.5 in. on pressurized tanks. Transmitter is available (1) with flange mounting, for use with diaphragm inside tank, and (2) with a union connection, for use with diaphragm outside tank. Both types can be furnished for mounting at top, bottom, or side of tank. In addition, a combined liquid-pressure and equalizer unit is available for measuring liquid in pressurized tanks. Standard transmitters have a pressure range 0 to 45 psi.; withstand overpressures of 250 psi.; use less than 4 scfh. of instrument air at 70 psi. or higher.—*King Engineering Corp., Ann Arbor, Mich.*



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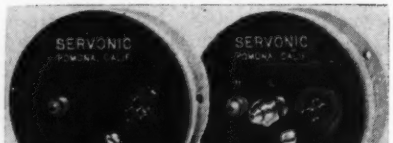
## Pressure Pickups

New "Model D Pressure Transducers" comprise a stainless steel Bourdon primary measuring element, a voltage-dividing resistor, anti-damage limit stops, and (for differential applications) a Neoprene diaphragm. Fourteen standard ranges: 0-20 to 0-2000 psi.




Normal travel 0.340 plus-or-minus 0.015 in. Full ranges and recording ranges in ohms: 0-500 (25-475), 0-2000 (100-1900), and 0-5000 (250-4750). Tolerances, plus-or-minus 5 percent. Power rating, one watt. Units are corrosion-resistant, have standard tube fittings and a Winchester connector for electrical outlet.—*Servonic Instruments, 1193 W. Second St., Pomona, Calif.*

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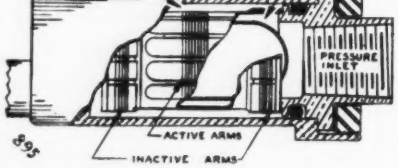
## Pressure Pickup

New "Type 4-301 Pressure Transducer" is for measuring pressure surges and high-frequency pulsations as well as static or slowly-varying pressures over an extremely wide temperature range in both gaseous and liquid systems. Rigid construction minimizes effects of accelerations in any direction and enables pickup to be used in field-testing aircraft and vehicles under operating conditions. Output is linear within 0.5 percent of full-scale value. Owing to high safety factor, overloads many times full-scale rated pressure range will not cause mechanical failure.




Pressure-responsive element is a cylinder, about whose fluted expansible mid-portion are wound the active arms of a 4-arm bridge circuit, while reference arms are wound on practically-inexpansible ends. This element's expansion or contraction changes resistance of bridge arms and resulting bridge-unbalance voltage, proportional to any pressure change, can be fed to indicating or recording instruments. Pickup, complete with cable and plug, weighs 9 oz. Heavily-plated aluminum body adapts it to many high-moisture applications. Initial units are designed for 10-psig operation; later models will be available in ranges to 5000 psig. and materials suited for corrosive fluids.—*Consolidated Engineering Corp., Pasadena 8, Calif.*

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## Pressure Pickup

New "Type 3CF Electrokinetic Pressure Transducer" is similar in appearance to "Type 3" illustrated and described in last month's issue (page 1378) but incorporates, in rear portion of case, a subminiature tube wired as a cathode follower. This modification is advantageous where a long cable is used and where it is impracticable to incorporate a cathode follower near pickup.—*The Beta Corp., P.O. Box 8625, Richmond 26, Va.*

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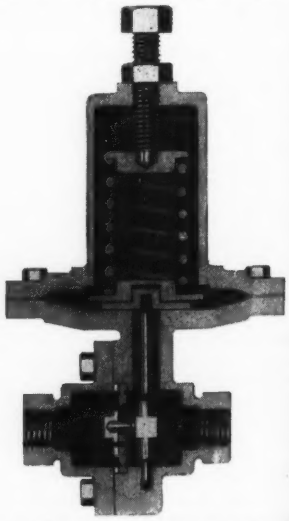
## Pressure-reducing Valve

New automatic pressure reducing valve, said to be "altogether different in principle and design" from any other on the market, consists of a bronze body, a stainless-steel gate that slides on a stainless steel plate, a phosphor-bronze diaphragm and stainless-steel small parts. It can be installed in any position, provides complete dead-end service and tight shut-off, is self-cleaning and unaffected by sediment. Available in sizes from ¼ in. to 2 in., for 150 psi. and 400 F. maximum steam temperature; takes any inlet pressure up to 250 psi. for water or air service; will provide reduced pressure as low as 2 psi.—*Jordan Regulator Corporation, Lebanon, Ohio.*



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## Pressure Regulator and Filter

New combination pressure regulator and filter permits line pressures up to 150 psi. to be reduced to regulated output pressure from 0 to 35 psi. without appreciable drift or air consumption. Filter and dripwell, accessible for easy

removal and servicing, assures clean supply of air for pneumatic instruments.—*Industrial Div., Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Philadelphia 44, Pa.*

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## Pressure-reducing Regulator and Gage

New combination reducing regulating valve and pressure gage, for compressed-air purposes, is furnished in ⅛, ⅜, ½ and ¾ pipe size connections. It regulates all secondary pressures to 150 psi. Bracket and two vibration dampers are furnished with each regulator and gage.—*Dayton Rogers Mfg. Co., Minneapolis 7, Minn.*

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## Inspector's Pressure Gage

New "Model P Test Gauge" is a 6-in. pressure gage guaranteed accurate to 0.5 percent of total scale at any point throughout range. Available ranges 0-30

in. vacuum to 0-10,000 psi. Measuring element is a full 270-degree Bourdon spring of steel or beryllium copper. Movement consists of a chrome-plated steel pinion, segment and arbor, Monel plates and a stainless steel hairspring. Stainless steel pointer is micrometer-adjusted. Leather carrying case, with shoulder strap, is optional.—*The Foxboro Co., Foxboro, Mass.*

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## Portable Temperature Controller

New "Guardsman" is a portable precision temperature controller for laboratories, research and testing companies and firms which require intermittent use of control instruments at different locations. Outstanding feature is that magnetic amplification replaces

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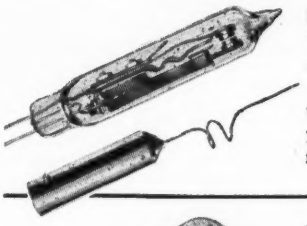

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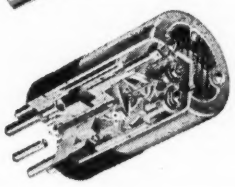

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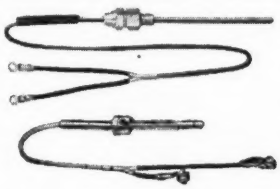

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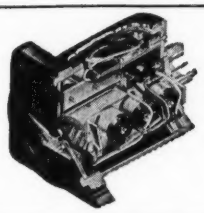

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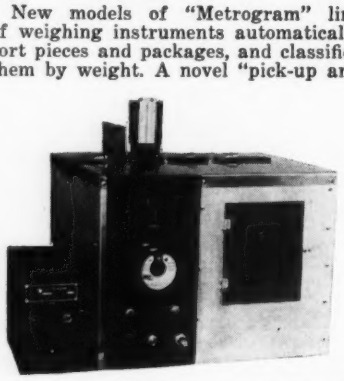
## Automatic Weighing and Sorting Scales

New models of "Metrogram" line of weighing instruments automatically sort pieces and packages, and classifies them by weight. A novel "pick-up and



take-away" mechanism essentially duplicates hand method of placing pieces and packages on scale—which cycling may be easily synchronized with standard conveyors having relatively high speeds. Instrument rejects pieces or packages on over and under weights based on adjustable tolerance ranges which may be kept to extremely close limits of standard. Standards may vary from milligrams to pounds, and of practically unlimited physical size. Models are self-contained for either table or floor mounting.—*H. A. Hadley Associates, Inc.*, 41 *Barlow St., Winooski, Vermont.*

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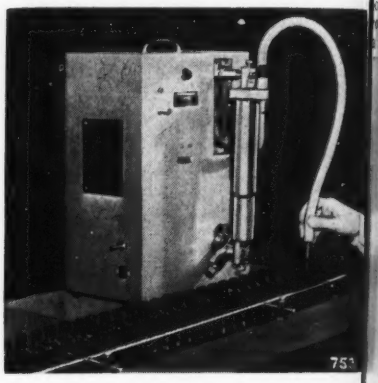
## Automatic Vial-filling Machine

New "Filamatic Model AB 4 Automatic Pipette and Vial Filling Machine" fills up to 1200 4-oz vials per hour. Smaller volumes can be dispensed at speeds up to 90 per minute. It is designed for foam-free delivery of liquids into vials, ampoules and small containers including sprinkler neck bottles. Delivery volume can be varied from a



single drop to 4 oz. per stroke and can be duplicated by setting micrometer reading to desired volume. Device is portable and may be operated wherever a source of current is available. An electric counter indicates total number of fills. Average accuracy of fill up to 0.1 percent regardless of variations in bottle size.—*National Instrument Co.*, 5005 *Queensbury Ave., Baltimore* 15, *Md.*

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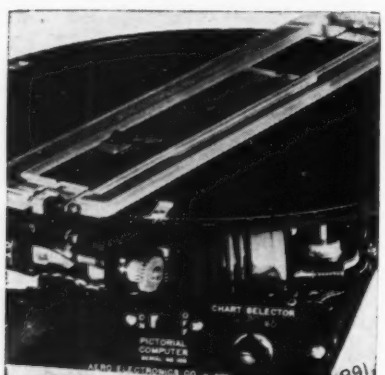
## Pictorial Position Indicator for Airplanes

New "Portable Pictorial Computer" is an automatic electromechanical airborne instrument for continuously indicating on a chart an airplane's position with respect to an omnibearing distance (OBD) station. It receives all necessary data concerning OBD station from an omnirange receiver and distance measuring equipment (DME). It consists of a display unit (illustrated)




which may be held in pilot's or copilot's lap or mounted on instrument panel or a bulkhead, and an amplifier unit. Display unit weighs 10 lbs.; consists of fixed circular chart holder, position indicator assembly, control panel, and servomechanism. Chart holder accommodates specially-prepared 10-in. diam. aeronautical charts with OBD station at center. Position indicator assembly comprises a scale which slides in a cross guide which can rotate on surface of chart holder. A small hole at one end of scale indicates airplane's location. A lead pencil inserted into this hole marks position of airplane at any time, or traces airplane's course. Scale indicates distance from airplane along a line through OBD station. Bearings TO or FROM ground station are indicated by a 360-deg. azimuth scale. Servomechanisms in case below chart holder operate position-indicator assembly: two mechanical drives, one for bearing indication and one for distance indication. Amplifier unit (not illustrated) weighs 14.5 lbs. in 9x13x5 in. case.—*Aero Electronics Co.*, 1512 *N. Wells St., Chicago* 10, *Ill.*

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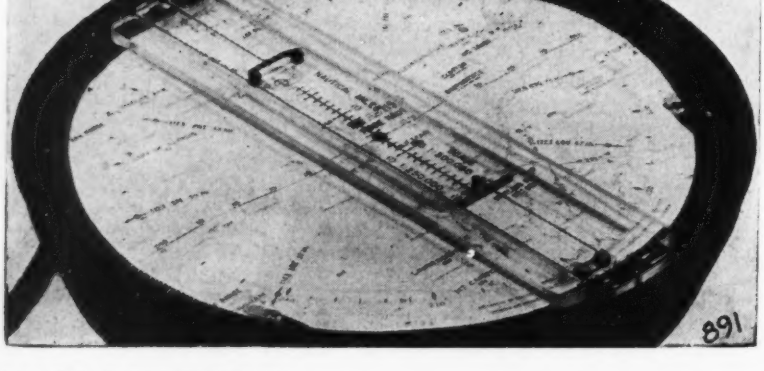


## Automatic Piston-balancing Machine

New Morris Piston Balancing Machine is said to provide for the first time a completely automatic cycle of operation at production speeds heretofore unattained. Pistons are automatically fed to machine by gravity; first pass a testing mechanism which determines whether or not piston is in proper position to be received by the machine. Pistons which are pass

ove or to be initially weighed and eight graded. Pistons which are with- prescribed weight limits are gravity d to a second scale, where weight of ch piston is recorded and position at hich damped scale beam is locked termines depth of cut to be made milling cutter. Piston is then raised om scale to a cutting station where lling cutter is advanced along axis the piston internally. Piston pads then trimmed to predetermined set- g of scale beam so as to bring weight designed limit within plus-or-minus gram.—*The Morris Machine Tool* 933 *Harriet, Cincinnati, Ohio*

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## All-metal Floating Thermometer

New all-metal floating dial-type ther- meter can be read without removing m tank or vat, for constant check liquids during processing. It is con-

ructed of stainless steel, with un- eakable window. It is regularly sup- ed with range of 50 to 150 F., and n. stem length (other ranges and ecial types can be provided). Accu- cy is 1 F.—*Weston Electrical Instru- ent Corp., 617 Frelinghuysen Ave., ewark, N. J.*

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## Adjustable-span Recorder

New strip-chart recorder, for record- g a large number of variables, has span adjustment which permits full- le pen travel to correspond to any ltage within a wide range of limits, d suppression adjustments which per- t shifting span upscale or down- le. External appearance is same as ker's "Type 153" except for six obs in a horizontal row near bottom door: (1, 2) Suppression adjust- nts (coarse and fine) provide linear n shift and make it unnecessary for ain-gage bridge or other actuating ement to be precisely balanced; zero n be anywhere on scale or can be ved off-scale. (3) Span adjustment thout change in zero setting; dial

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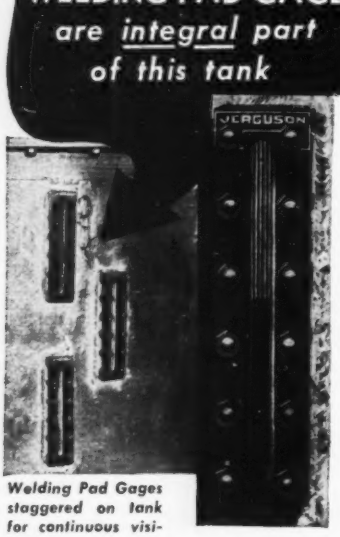


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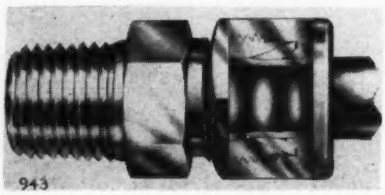
## High-vacuum Tube Fittings

New design of "Swagelok" fittings provides a vacuum-tight seal (hold $10^{-7}$ mm.). Installation is accomplished with an ordinary wrench. Fittings are so designed that there is no torque on




tubing to which fittings are attached, hence no hazard of other fittings on line twisting loose. Fittings are available in brass, aluminum, steel, stainless steel, and Monel.—*Crawford Fitting Co.,* 844 *E.* 140*th St., Cleveland* 10, *Ohio.*

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## Short-time-cycle Relay for Temperature Control

New short-cycle time-proportioning relay for controlling nylon heat setting, linoleum curing, and high-speed furnaces, has been added to maker's "Electr-O-Pulse" relay line to meet increase in number of processes having short time lags.—*Industrial Div., Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Philadelphia* 44, *Pa.*

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## Automatic Leak Tester

New automatic conveyerized pressure-testing machine checks cylinder-head water-jacket areas for leaks. It receives heads from a conveyer line, automatically seals them in three planes, checks for leaks by measuring air pressure loss, stamps OK, and delivers head back on conveyer. Machine is powered by a hydraulic pump driven by a 3-hp. motor.—*Modern Industrial Engineering Co.,* 14230 *Birwood, Detroit* 4, *Mich.*

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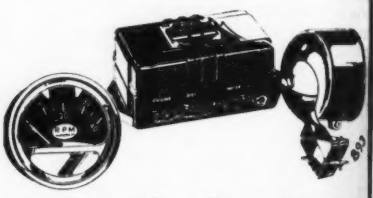
## Auto and Truck Electric Tachometer

New "Sun Electric Tachometer" features vibration-proof construction, a jewelled p-m.-m-c. type movement, indirect lighting, easy-to-read numerals, and steady controlled action of



instrument pointer. Transmitter, said to represent "the world's latest and most remarkable innovation in transmitter design," has no drive cable, and its only moving part is an "electric relay switch with solid silver contacts which will never wear out." Flashlight cell used in past models has been done away with. System does not draw current from battery of vehicle; cannot injure ignition points or any other part of vehicle's electrical system.—*Tachometer Div., Sun Electric Corp.,* 6323 *Avondale Ave., Chicago* 31, *Ill.*

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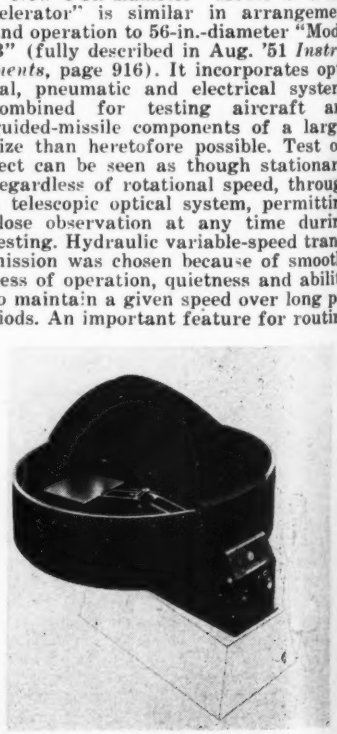
## "G" Standard for Testing Missile Components, etc.

New 8-ft.-diameter "Model C G-Accelerator" is similar in arrangement and operation to 56-in.-diameter "Model B" (fully described in Aug. '51 *Instruments,* page 916). It incorporates optical, pneumatic and electrical systems combined for testing aircraft and guided-missile components of a larger size than heretofore possible. Test object can be seen as though stationary, regardless of rotational speed, through a telescopic optical system, permitting close observation at any time during testing. Hydraulic variable-speed transmission was chosen because of smoothness of operation, quietness and ability to maintain a given speed over long periods. An important feature for routine



production testing is ability of tester to return to a preset speed by use of starting switch only. Time to reach full speed from standstill is approx. 30 sec. Max. acceleration force is 2000 G-lbs., e.g., 100 lbs. at 20 G, 40 lbs. at 50 G, etc., with max. G of 75.—*Dep't I, Genisco, Inc.*, 2233 *Federal Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif.*

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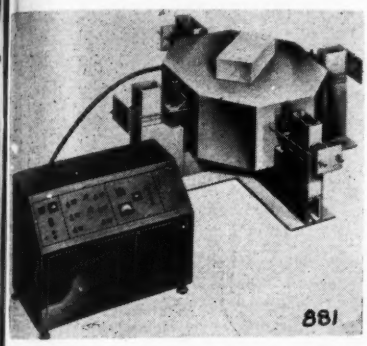
## Three-direction Mechanical Oscillator and Tester

New "Space Oscillator" produces one-, two- or three-directional mechanical vibrations, for fatigue testing of specimens and for determining dynamic characteristics of materials. Displacement, velocity and acceleration are continuously variable as to magnitude, direction and action line without interruption of test procedure or repositioning specimen. Apparatus produces pulsating forces or moments for testing dynamic characteristics. Rated capacity, 2000 lbs. at 15 cps. and 1000 lbs. at 60 cps., with proportionately smaller forces over range of 3.5 to 15 cps. Amplitudes varying from zero to 0.5 inch are obtainable; in resonant range, dynamic amplification factor yields amplitudes and forces far in excess of those stated. An experimental machine has achieved double amplitudes of 24 in. Complete apparatus consists of oscillator, vibration table, and control console. All of variation in developed forces is controlled remotely, allowing operation in extreme-environment test chambers.—*Buck Engineering Co., Freehold, N. J.*



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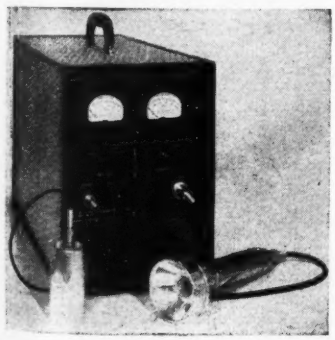
## Dynamic Balancing Equipment

New "Model 652 Vibratron" portable system for analysis, evaluation, and correction of vibration, indicates amplitude and frequency of vibration and,

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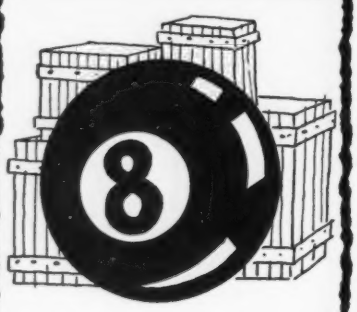

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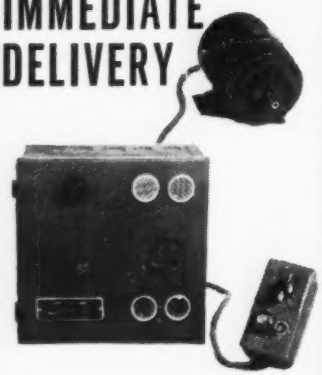

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## Constant-luminosity Source

New constant-luminous-emittance source, for calibrating instruments containing phototubes, and for scientific uses in astronomy, etc., is not a lamp but a luminescent material: tritium (triple-weight hydrogen) incorporated into stilbene and processed chemically to form a solid crystal. Tritium emits beta rays which cause stilbene to fluoresce. Light from this tritiated stilbene is visible, but spectral peak is in region where phototubes are most sensitive. Brightness decay-rate is about 5 percent per year: negligible decrease while calibrating one lot of instruments.—*Tracerlab Inc., 130 High St., Boston 10, Mass.*

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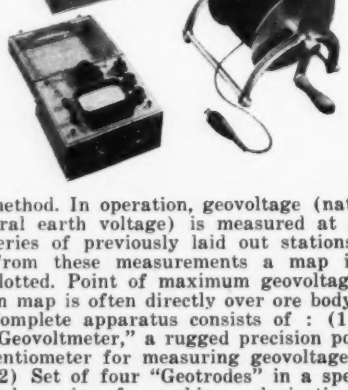
## Geophysical Prospecting Apparatus

New "Geovolt Apparatus" comprises instruments and accessories required for prospecting for minerals by self-potential or spontaneous polarization



method. In operation, geovoltage (natural earth voltage) is measured at a series of previously laid out stations. From these measurements a map is plotted. Point of maximum geovoltage on map is often directly over ore body. Complete apparatus consists of : (1) "Geovoltmeter," a rugged precision potentiometer for measuring geovoltage; (2) Set of four "Geotrodes" in a special carrier, for making polarization-free contact with earth; (3) lightweight reel; (4) 1,000 feet of "Geocable."—*Geographical Instrument Div., Georator Corp., Arlington 9, Va.*

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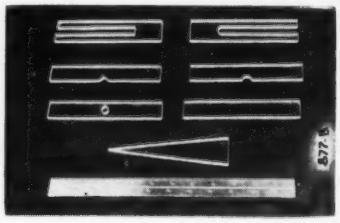
## Photoelasticity Demonstrator

New "P-4 Polaroid Photoelastic Demonstration Apparatus" uses two 3-in. Polaroid disks to polarize light from a 25-watt bulb in base, and to

analyze rays after passing through specimens. Size 6 in. diam., 12 in. high. New "P-3 Photoelastic Plastic Demon-



stration Specimens" are made of CR-39 resin with high refractive index, illustrate basic types of stress concentration.—*Ann Arbor Instrument Works, 725 Packard St., Ann Arbor, Mich.*

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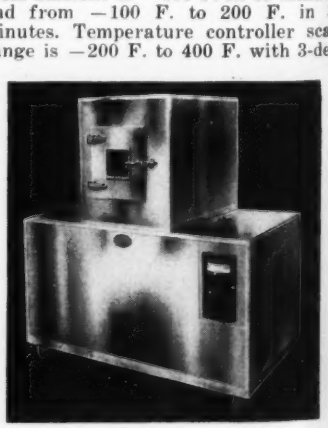
## Production-line Test Chamber

New "A-4½-100 FHH" test chamber for production line and experimental testing has a temperature range from 250 F. down to—100 F.; can be cycled from ambient to —100 F. in 45 minutes and from —100 F. to 200 F. in 30 minutes. Temperature controller scale range is —200 F. to 400 F. with 3-deg.



differential, 1.5-deg. plus and minus. Wet and dry bulb controller provides 95 percent relative humidity at temperatures between 75 F. and 95 F. Vacuum equipment can be added to simulate high altitude conditions. Test chamber is 20x20x20 in., 4.5 cu. ft.—*Industrial Freezer Div., Webber Appliance Co., 2740 Madison Ave., Indianapolis 3, Ind.*

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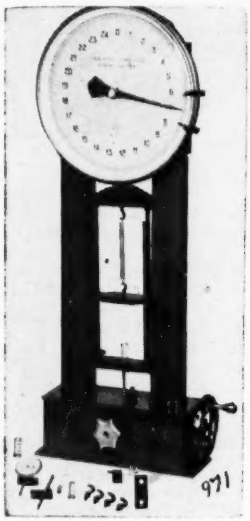
## Precision Spring Tester

New precision spring tester measures loads and deflections of small compression and extension springs; capacity from ½ oz. to 25 lbs. Scale is accurate to within 0.25 percent, meeting NBS requirements. Steel rules measure



lengths in 32nds and 64ths on one side and in decimals in 10ths and 100ths on reverse side. A 1-in. capacity dial indicator measuring to 0.001 in. is available. Speed from 250 to 500 tests per hour. Production stops and tolerance markers are easily adjustable. Springs with diameters up to 2 in. and lengths up to 10 in. can be tested.—*The Carlson Co., 277 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y.*

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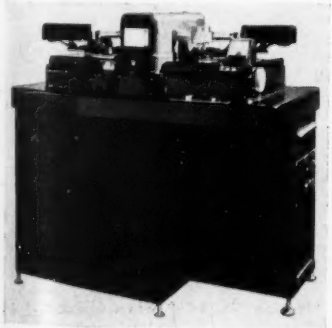
## Double Piezo Crystal Orientation Unit

New double unit Quartz Orientation Instrument, of advanced design for higher precisions and far more rapid production of piezo crystals, meets to-

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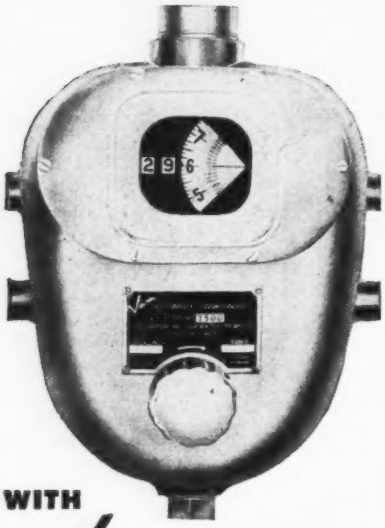

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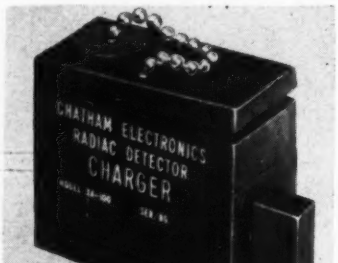
## Radiac Detector Charger

New "Model XA-100" radiac detector charger, for charging pen-type fibre dosimeter, is self-contained and does not require tubes or batteries. Polarity




depends on direction of rotation; hence if a dosimeter is overcharged, it may be zeroed by changing direction of turning. Delivers a current of $10^{-8}$ amp. at output voltage up to 3,000 v., positive or negative.—*Chatham Electronics Corp., 475 Washington St., Newark 2, N. J.*

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## Multiplier Phototube

New "6199" small 10-stage multiplier phototube of head-on type is intended for use in scintillation counters and in other applications involving low-level, large-area light sources. Spectral response covers range from about 3000 to 6200 Angstroms with a peak at approx. 4000 Angstroms. Semi-transparent cathode has diameter of 1-1/4 in. on inner surface of face end of bulb; face has 1-in.-diam. flat surface to facilitate mounting flat phosphor crystals. Relatively large cathode area permits efficient collection of light from excited phosphor crystals employed in scintillation counters. Because of excellent optical coupling between phosphor and cathode, discrimination against dark-current pulses is facilitated.—*Tube Dep't., Radio Corporation of America, Harrison, N. J.*

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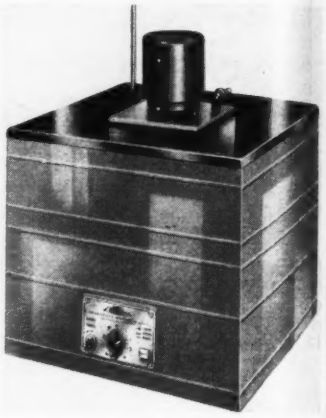
## Constant-temperature Circulating Systems

New systems are announced for circulating liquids at controlled temperatures through refractometers, viscometers, polarimeters, etc. "Cat. No. 3052"



is sensitive to 0.02 C., is easily set to desired temperatures through "Rota-Set" mercury regulator. "Cat. No. 3050" is sensitive to 0.25 C. Features include stainless steel throughout, all-bronze centrifugal pump, sealed ball-bearing motor, built-in cooling coil, and large water capacity for greater stability. Range below room to 100 C. Immediate delivery.—*Labline, Inc., 217 N. Desplaines St., Chicago 6, Ill.*

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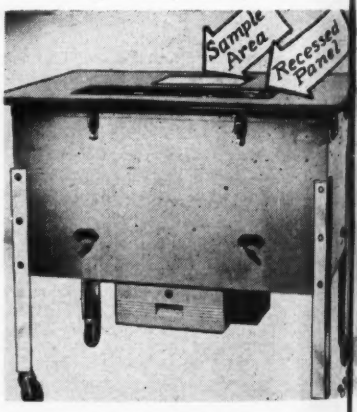
## Large-area Colorimeter

New large-area colorimeter, for measuring effectiveness of detergents, is of design baked on maker's "Color and Color Difference Meter," major alteration being in large size (9 x 12 in.)




sample exposure head, which allows accurate measurement in spite of non-uniformity of soil on samples. It is also equipped with special filters which may be used to eliminate any ultraviolet radiation from tungsten light source for measuring detergent properties without including effects of the fluorescent dyes. Other special features include special ultraviolet source for accentuating effects of fluorescent dyes, and a special measuring circuit for reading blue reflectance.—*Gardner Laboratory, Inc., Bethesda 14, Maryland.*

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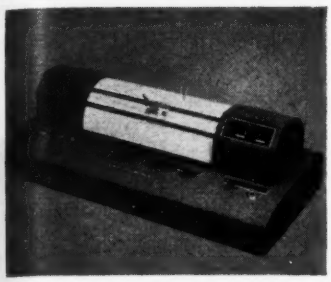
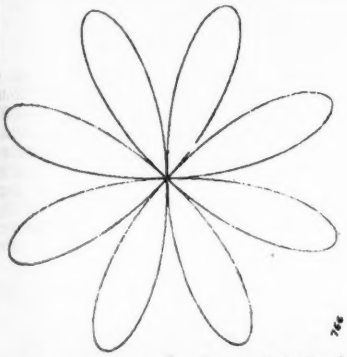
## Digital Graph Plotter

New "Logrinc Digital Graph Plotter" automatically plots one variable against another algebraically in discrete steps, at a speed of 20 steps per second in all



four directions, in response to pulses from digital-output primary measuring elements, intermediate elements, or electronic digital computers. Paper size: 12 in. on $y$-movement, 18 in. on $x$-movement; or longer continuous strip 12 in. wide. Step size is accurately 1/64 in. with no accumulative error, $x$ and $y$ axes being controlled independently by precision ratchet devices.—*Logistic Research Co., 141 S. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif.*



*Plot made by Logrinc Digital Graph Plotter connected to a digital differential analyzer solving equation* $r = a \sin(4\theta)$ (1/6 actual size)

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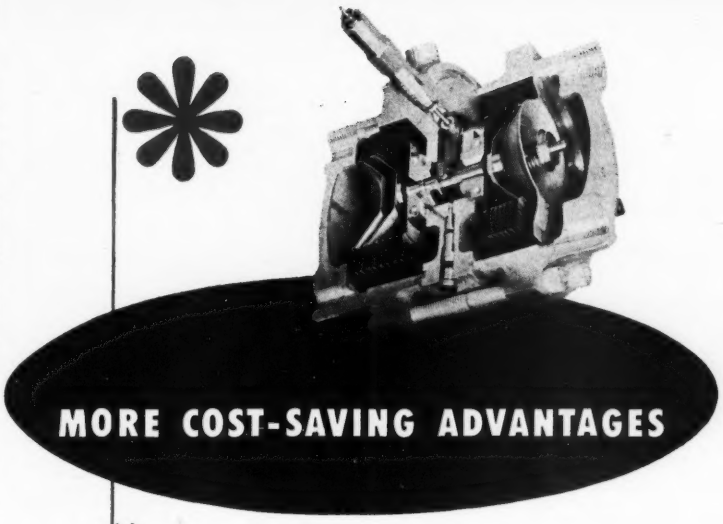
## Vapor Degreaser

New "Drum Major" vapor degreaser uses readily-replaceable standard 55-gal. steel drum for cleaning tank, and any vapor solvent instead of flammable



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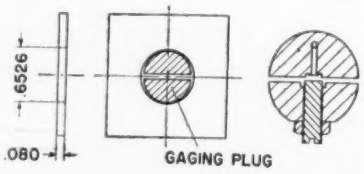
### Air-gaging Fixtures

New contact-type gaging fixtures, for measuring work which has coarse surface finish, are interchangeable in maker's standard "Pneumatic Compa-

rator Gage" stands. Illustrated plug was supplied for measuring bores in which finish varied from 20 to 125 microinches. Upper part of fixture is rigid, contains a pneumatic measuring nozzle. Lower part is flexible, contains




nozzle seat. When work is placed over end of plug, clearance between nozzle and nozzle seat corresponds to minimum diameter of bore. For calibration, standard ring gages are used as masters. Other fixtures are available for measuring maximum OD of coarse-finish parts. In both styles, nozzle is completely protected.—*Moore Products Co., H & Lycoming Sts., Philadelphia 24, Pa.*

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### Pocket Magnet

New "G-S No. 15 Little Giant Magnet," said to be made of "supermagnetic alloy," is 6.25 in. long. Point

of magnet is extended or retracted from a case by turning end-knob. Strength of magnet can be controlled by amount of extension.—*General Scientific Equipment Co.*, 2700 *W. Huntingdon St., Philadelphia 32, Pa.*

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### Gaging System

New "Micro-Step" Gaging System is an integrated series of gaging items said to make it easy "for the first time to use gage blocks directly in everyday gaging operations." New gage-block holders and end standards are used to construct innumerable gaging and

layout setups up to 72 in. long in steps of 25 microinches; a "pre-calibrated" dial indicator is used with holders and end standards for constructing precise indicating type gages; other components include 5-in. and 10-in. sine plates, and a special book, "Height-Combination Tables - Heat Expansion Calculator," which lists gage blocks to be used in forming 10,000 different dimensions and which gives corrections to be made when checking non-steel parts with gage blocks at temperatures above or below 68 F.—*The DoALL Co., Des Plaines, Illinois.*

**Mention No. 1444 when filling out card.**

### Volatile-fluid Dispenser

New "Automatic Dispenser," made of stainless steel, prevents evaporation of frequently-used volatile fluids, reduces fire hazard, saves time removing

and replacing bottle stoppers. When user presses down on unit, fluid pumps up into dispensing dish. Amount is adjustable to from 3 to 15 drops per stroke. Six-ounce polyethylene plastic bottle is unbreakable and chemically inert.—*Menda Co.*, 279 *North Hill Ave., Pasadena 4, Calif.*

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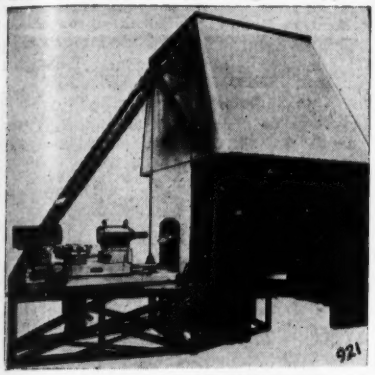
## Large Contour Projector

New "Taylor-Hobson 200-Inch Profile Projector" features two sets of precision optics and a 60-in.-diam. horizontal screen (viewing table), on



which tracings or templates can be mounted conveniently and under which remote controls for all adjustments are provided. Optics will give 20 to 100 times magnification for work up to 3 in. diam. For work up to 6 in., 10 times also is available. Delivery in 6 to 12 months.—*Engis Equipment Co., 431 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.*

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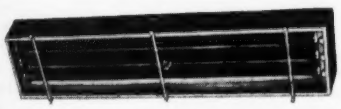
## Industrial Ultraviolet Source

New "Blak-ray Model XXX-40" ultraviolet source, designed for industrial fluorescent inspection, processing, and packing operations, covers an area of



20 to 40 sq. ft. with intense non-injurious long-wave ultraviolet radiation. Fixture is dust-proof and vapor-proof, with a spectral-finish aluminum reflector for maximum UV intensity. These 40-watt "Blak-ray" tubes are rated at 3000 hours, burn cool, start instantly, may be turned on and off at will with no warm-up period for reaching peak UV emission and no cooling-off period required before re-starting.—*Ultra-Violet Products, Inc., 145 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.*

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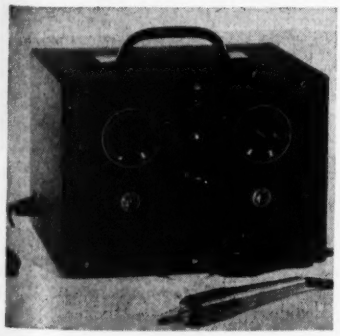
## Soldering Unit

New "Model XK-72," aded to maker's line of soldering units, features an automatic timer (to 90 seconds) and an adjustable heat controller; is par-

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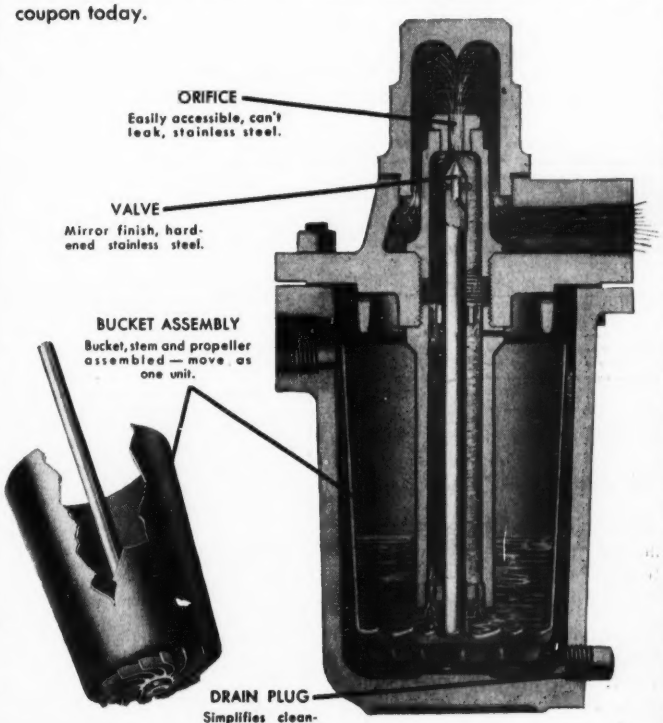


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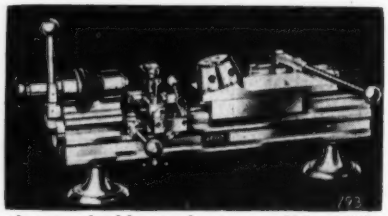
## Turret Lathe for Instrument Parts

New bench turret lathe designed to handle small parts is made with two collet capacities, 3/16 or 5/16 in., is equipped with lever-operated collet



closer, double tool cross slide with swivel compound slide, and self-indexing 6-position turret. Bed is 18 in. long. Turret head has 1/2-in. holes; turret slide is made of hardened steel.—*Louis Levin & Son, Inc., 782 East Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 21, Calif.*

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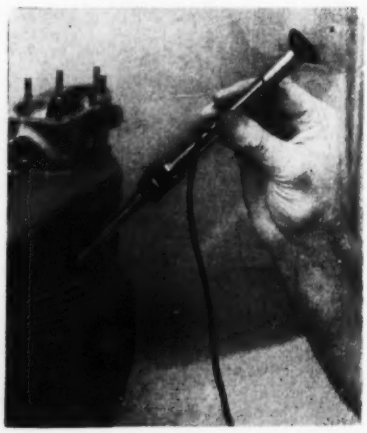
## Internal-inspection Borescope

New "Testa Borescope" has been developed for investigating and inspecting inside walls of surfaces of hollow castings, engine cylinders, crank cases, etc., accessible only through a small hole such as a spark-plug hole. Inserted tube is 0.5 in. diam., available in various lengths. Insertion depth for 0.5-in. hole is 7.5 in. less than total length of instrument. An aperture of 1.25 in. will allow inserting all but eye-cup. A set of twelve highly-corrected, achromatized, fluoride-coated lenses gives a field of vision of approx. 30 degrees (included angle). On inner end of lens system is an elliptical first-surface mirror whose angle can be adjusted to either side of its medium position of 45 degrees. In its normal position, mirror produces a view at right angle to tube. Magnification varies inversely as distance of mirror to inspected surface, from 6.25× at 3 in. to 2× at 12 in. Special frosted bulb is bright enough to illuminate even a dark surface at



several inches. At 12 volts its life is 250 hours. If brighter illumination is desired, voltage can be put up to 18 volts, with 75-hour life.—*Testa Mfg. Co., 418 S. Pecan St., Los Angeles 33, Calif.*

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## Illuminated Magnifier

New 10-power magnifier can be clipped to pocket like a fountain pen, uses two penlight batteries and bulb for illuminating object, weighs 2.5 oz.

including batteries, employs a unique lens construction which allows light from bulb to go directly through lens and onto object without any direct light reaching user's eye.—*Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., Rochester, N. Y.*

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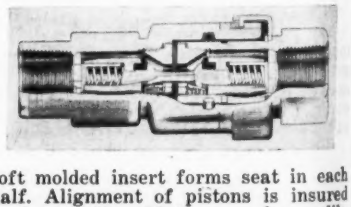
## Shut-off Coupling for Hydraulic or Air Lines

New "Wave-Flow" make and break double shut-off valved coupler, built originally for either ammonia or Freon refrigerants in connection with refrigerated trucks, has industrial application to pneumatic or hydraulic lines. As two halves are coupled together, the two piston valves open by moving away from their respective seats. A



soft molded insert forms seat in each half. Alignment of pistons is insured by long guides. Pistons can be readily replaced after long service by unscrewing seat bushings. Protector caps are provided for covering coupler halves when disconnected. Available in ¼-inch F.P.T. connections.—*Henry Valve Co., 3215 North Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois.*

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## Projection Positive Paper

New "Kodagraph Projection Positive Paper," photographic paper for production of positive paper prints either through reduction or enlargement, can be used in a process camera to make direct-reduction positives from large drawings, or can be used with an enlarger to produce positive prints from positive microfilm records. It requires a special developer. It will, however,

be available through all Kodak Industrial dealers.—*Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester 4, N. Y.*

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### Sanitary Control Valve

New "Saniflo," 2-way valve for sanitary control of food processing operations, features high flow capacity of an expanded "streamlined flow" body, friction-free power of "Stabilflo" di-

aphragm motor, and quick and easy disassembly for cleaning. All parts exposed to product are Type 18-8 corrosion-resistant stainless steel. Valve connections are 3A (IAMD thread), male, ground seat type. Available line sizes, 1 in. through 3 in.—*The Foxboro Co., Foxboro, Mass.*

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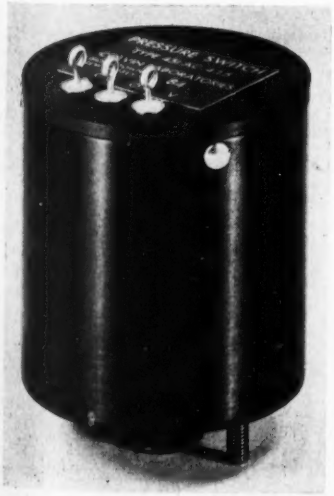
### Pressure Switches

New "Series 451" pressure switches incorporate relays which, with their associated mechanism, prevent contact chatter under any combination of pressure and vibration. Switches are diaphragm-operated and are available

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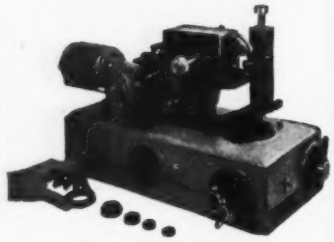

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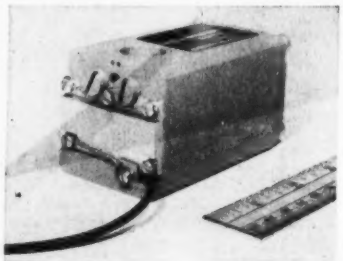
## Electrohydraulic Valve

New "PC-1 Pressure Control Servo Valve" is an electrohydraulic unit which converts milliampere signals to high-pressure changes for use in high-performance servomechanisms and automatic acceleration or force controllers.



Valve is actuated by two 700-ohm coils normally connected in opposition. Max. differential current required at 3000-psi. differential pressure is nominally 8 ma. Valve's horsepower rating is 4.2 hp.: 3.6 gpm. at 2000-psi. load.—*Standard Controls, Inc.*, 1431 23*rd Ave. South, Seattle* 44, *Wash.*

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## Cross-bar Generator

New "Model CB-101 Cross Bar Generator" for testing TV receivers and picture tubes, may be connected to several chassis points for adjustment data,

or used as a test pattern source to modulate TV signal generators. It acts either receiver's video system so that horizontal or vertical lines are produced on picture-tube screen, or tests over-all response when used to modulate a TV signal generator. These lines are used to correct linearity and centering of images. It may also be connected directly to picture-tube pins so that tube operation may be checked without removal of receiver chassis from cabinet. — *United Technical Laboratories, Morristown, N. J.*

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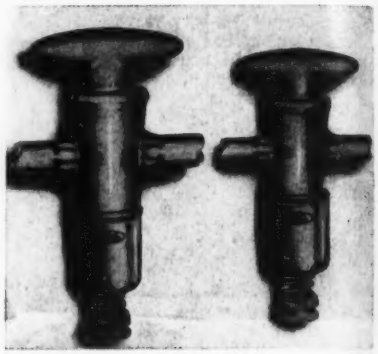
## Stopcock Adapters

New Micro Size Adapters, for stopcocks of 2 mm. bore or less, have been added to maker's line to cover full range of laboratory stopcocks, so that



any glass stopcock in a laboratory can be converted into a pressure-tight stopcock.—*Emil Greiner Co.*, 20-26 *N. Moore St., New York, N. Y.*

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## Tape Recorder

New low-priced "96-485 Knight" tape recorder is said to be excellent for recording conferences, training personnel, instantaneous recording of comments during time-motion studies, etc. Featuring piano-key type pushbuttons for selection of operating functions, it

is easily used by all personnel. Operating functions include Fast Forward, Playback, Stop, Record and Fast Reverse. Fast Forward speed enables user to quickly locate portion of recording desired for playback.—*Allied Radio Corp.*, 833 *W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 7, Ill.*

**Mention No. 1459 when filling out card.**

## Instrument-lighting System

New fluorescent lighting is being made available as a standard option for various types of maker's industrial instruments and control-room panelboards. Lighting assembly includes a cool-burning white-daylight lamp, a starter for preheating lamp filament cathodes, and a ballast which limits current and voltage to a required value. In additon, a reflector ring is included in circular-chart instruments.—*Industrial Div., Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Philadelphia* 44, *Pa.*

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## Oscillograph Accessories

Two new features for maker's "PM-13" automatic oscillograph are announced: (1) Photographic time recorder which automatically records

year, month, day, hour, and minute when electrical disturbances occur; installed between top of "PM-13" case and record-paper holders. (2) New light-source which speeds and simplifies lamp changes. Does not require lens, prisms, and apertures, therefore light-source adjustments are no longer necessary when lamp is replaced periodically. Available as conversion kit for existing "PM-13" oscillographs.—*Meter & Instrument Dep't, General Electric Co., West Lynn 3, Mass.*

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## Cathode-ray Tubes

New line of cathode-ray tubes, employing electrostatic focus and magnetic deflection, are designed primarily for radar installations. "Types B1036P-, B1038P-, B1039P-, B1040P-, and B10-56P-," replace respectively "Types 5FP-, 10KP-, 12SP-, 12DP-A, and 7MP." Electron lens obviates necessity of focus coil. Tubes have much smaller power requirements than older tube types.—*Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories, Inc.*, 1500 *Main Ave., Clifton, N. J.*

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## TV-servicing Oscilloscope

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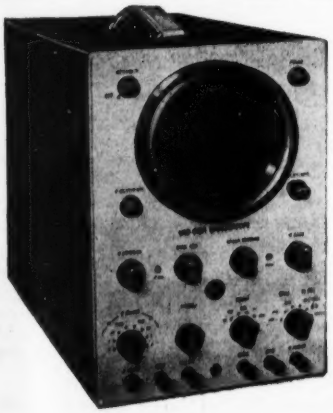


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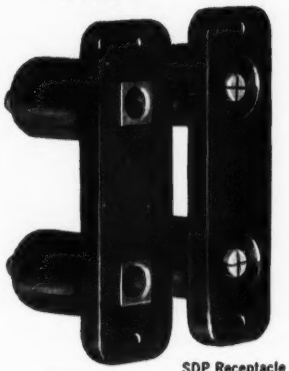

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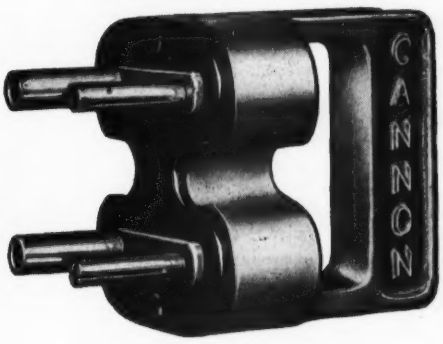


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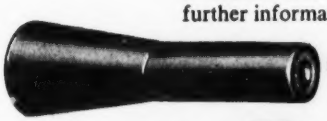

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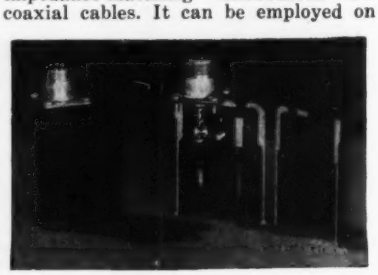
## CRO Terminal Adapter

New "Type 2592" terminal adapter permits easier use of coaxial cables for carrying signals to banana-jack type terminals of CRO's and other test equipment and also provides correct impedance-matching termination for coaxial cables. It can be employed on



any instrument having banana-jack type terminals spaced 0.75 in. on centers. Built into adapters are impedance-matching resistors. Currently available are 52-, 75-, and 93-ohm terminal adapters for use with UHF and BNC coaxial connectors and 52- and 75-ohm terminal adapters for use with Type N coaxial connectors.—*Instrument Div., Allen B. Du Mont Labs., Inc.,* 1500 *Main Ave., Clifton, N. J.*

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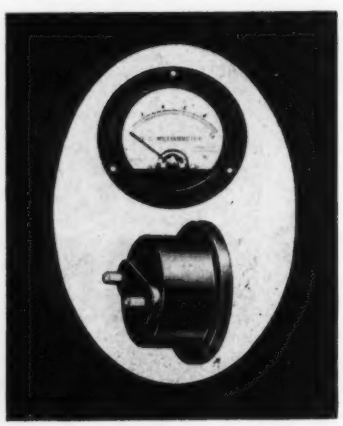
## Ruggedized Electrical Indicating Instruments

New design 2.5-in., 3.5-in. and 4.5-in. d-c. or rectifier-type a-c. indicating instruments meet MIL-M-6A, MIL-M-10304. Movement is shock-mounted in a low-temperature rubber compound and bonded to case, does not flop around under vibration or shock: design permits pointer and scale divisions to be easily read under vibration conditions. Internal pivot type construction: jewels mounted in a solid metal core, and pivots mechanically fastened on inside of coil. New type case has rear panel with screw type terminals; is permanently hermetically sealed at factory but case design and neoprene gasket permit opening and resealing with simple tools. —*The Hickok Electrical Instrument Co.,* 10519 *Dupont Ave., Cleveland* 8, *Ohio.*



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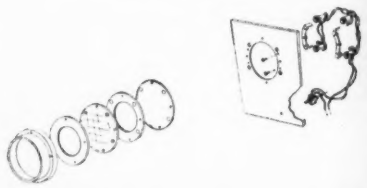
## CRT Calibration Kit

New "Type 2562 Illuminated Calibrated Scale Kit" facilitates amplitude and time calibration for both visual and photographic applications; is designed to fit any 5-inch CRO with maker's "Type 2501" bezel; is especially



useful under darkened-room conditions or under a camera hood; consists of four incandescent bayonet type lamps with sockets, a bezel, front and rear masks, a plastic rectangular-coordinate calibrated-scale, and a color filter. Light from lamps is diffused throughout calibrated scale by means of four symmetrically-arranged depressions on scale. Kit also includes a dimmer control which may be mounted on CRO front panel.—*Instrument Div., Allen B. Du Mont Labs,* 1500 *Main Ave., Clifton, N. J.*

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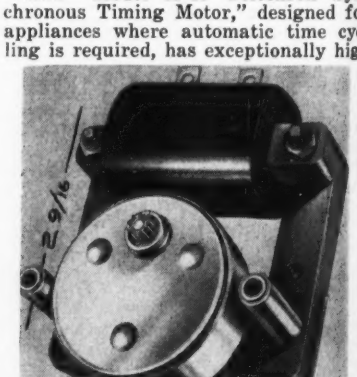
## Appliance-timing Motor

New "Model H-10 Telechron Synchronous Timing Motor," designed for appliances where automatic time cycling is required, has exceptionally high



torque rating for intermittent load peaks of short duration: terminal speed of 3.6 rpm with a peak torque rating of 0.375 lb.-in. Other features: continuous lubrication, sealed gear train, light-weight rotors, and air-cooled coil. —*Telechron Dept., General Electric Co., Ashland, Mass.*

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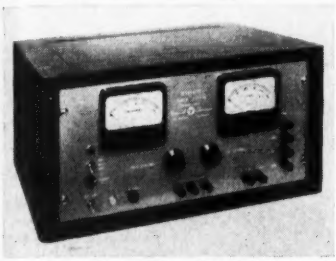
## Regulated Power Supply

New "Model 300A" regulated power supply furnishes continuously-variable voltage from 0 to 500 volts d.c. at 0 to 300 ma. Bias voltage supplied can be



varied from 0 to 150 volts at 2 ma. max. Also two independent outputs of low a-c. voltage to give either 6.3 v. at 6 amp. or 12.6 v. at 3 amps. Regulation: less than 0.2 volt variation of high voltage from no-load to full-load, or for line fluctuations from 105 to 125 volts. Hum voltage is 2 mv. rms. for any voltage or load within ratings. Internal impedance is less than 1 ohm for d.c. and less than 0.25 ohms from 20 cps. to 50 kc.—*Universal Electronics Co., 2012 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, Calif.*

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## Pulse Generator

New "Mark 15 Model 47 Precision Pulser" is a pulse generator with an extremely short rise time pulse and a precise control of pulse amplitude. Pulse

rise time is less than $10^{-8}$ seconds, fall time is 350 microseconds. Instrument has ranges of 1, 3, 10, 30 and 100 millivolt pulse amplitude with 10-turn linear pot control over these ranges. Pulse height is standardized against a standard cell in instrument. Repetition rate is 3600 pulses per second.—*Radiation Counter Labs., Inc., 5122 West Grove St., Skokie, Illinois.*

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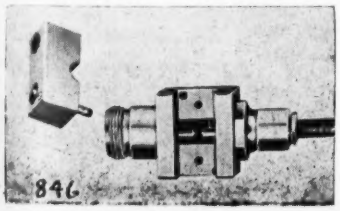
## Coaxial Pads

New fixed coaxial pads are for application in circuits operating at frequencies from zero to 10,000 Mc.; 6-, 10-, and 20-db pads are available in conventional pi and T construction, utilizing metal-





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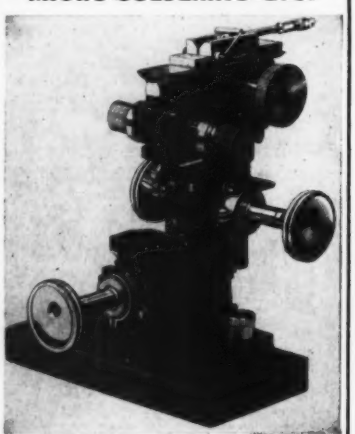

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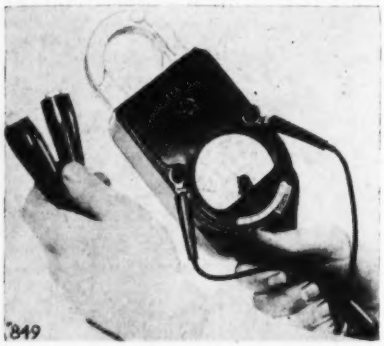
## Hook-on Volt-ammeter

New "Type AK-1A" redesigned hook-on volt-ammeter has higher voltage and current ranges and new pointer-stop mechanism. Measures alternating current on five scale ranges: 0-7.5/30/75/300/750 amp.; also alternating voltage on three ranges: 0-150/300/750 volts. Instrument is shielded magnetically. A dovetail joint on magnetic jaws reduces imperfect-closing errors to less than 2 percent where butt joint might cause errors as high as 10 percent.—*Meter and Instrument Dep't, General Electric Co., West Lynn* 3, *Mass.*

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## 400-cps. Generators

New "Nobrush" generators are said to give a degree of ruggedness and simplicity heretofore unknown: cast aluminum rotor with permanent magnets mounted therein. Good wave form, high efficiency, cool operation, immunity to damage by overload or short-circuit are claimed. Only wearing elements are the bearings (eliminated in direct engine or motor mounting). A combination of static and dynamic shielding retains magnetism at a high level. Units are also available for 25, 50, 60, 180, 360, 800 and 900 cps. Any of usual voltages, single-phase, single-phase center-tap or three-phase can be supplied; also multiple coils, permitting connection in series or parallel to give different voltages; also tapped windings or separate low-voltage windings. —*Georator Corp., Arlington* 9, *Va.*

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## Snap-around Volt-ammeter

New "Amprobe 300" pocket-size volt-ammeter covers nine ranges: 0-6/15/30/60/150/300 amps. a.c., 0-150/-300/600 volts a.c. New retractable safety plug on voltage test leads automatically insulates itself when removed. Jaws are completely insulated down into sockets; are pointed for working in crowded switch and terminal boxes. —*Pyramid Instrument Corp., Lynbrook, N. Y.*

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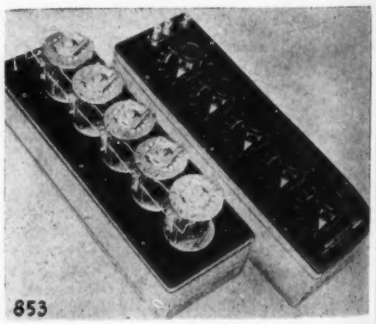
## Resistance Boxes

New "Type 750 Resistance Boxes" are complete assemblies of two or more "Type 275" high-precision decade units, mounted on a black alumilited panel and enclosed in a shielded walnut cabinet. Shielding consists of full copper lining making electrical contact with metal panel for complete isolation of the resistive elements (no electric circuit between shield and resistance elements). Three terminals are provided: two for resistance circuit; and a ground connection to shield. Maker's "knee-action" three-blade switch forms a short low-resistance path between contact and insulated collector ring. New precision boxes may be used as Laboratory Standards, as direct-reading resistor elements in bridge circuits, etc.—*The Daven Company*, 191 *Central Avenue, Newark, N. J.*

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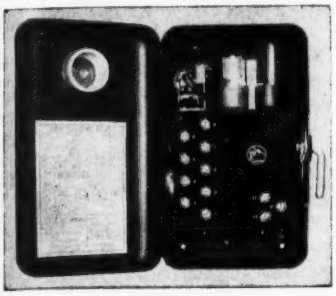
## Photoelectric Controls

New "Series 20 and 21" photoelectric controls are adaptable to a wide variety of industrial applications. Phototube is available either integral with



housing or in a small separate housing. Tamper-proof sensitivity adjustment permits positive operation over varying distances between phototube and light source.—*Photoswitch Inc., 77 Broadway, Cambridge 42, Mass.*

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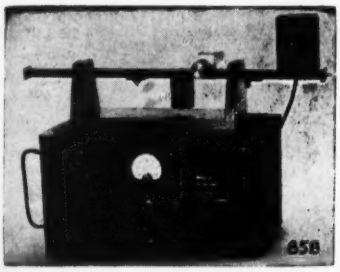
## Microwave Signal Sources

New "Centilators" are signal sources for microwaves from 1245 to 9960 Mc. Five units cover this range; each consists of a reflex klystron oscillator, an output transmission line system with



an attenuator and a crystal detector, a sawtooth generator which provides signal for sweeping klystron frequency, and a regulated power supply. "Centilator 8596" has, in addition, a calibrated wavemeter for frequency measurement. "Centilators 6274 and 8596" use waveguide output; other models terminate in standard "N" type coaxial connectors.—*Kay Electric Co., Pine Brook, N. J.*

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## High-voltage Tester

New "Model 424 Hypot" is a d-c. high-voltage dielectric strength tester with continuously-variable voltage out-

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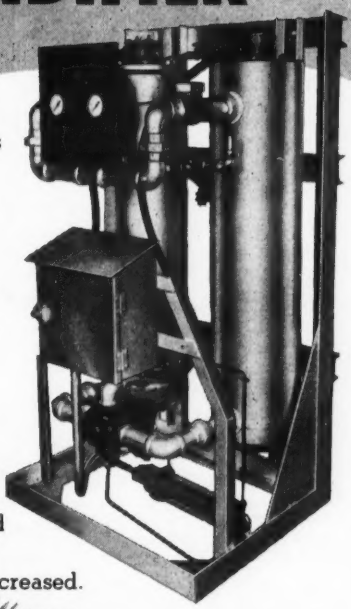

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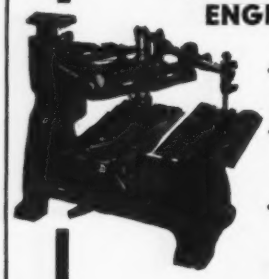

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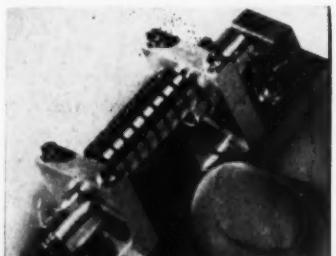
## Mechanical Band-pass Filter

New "Mechanical Filter" is a permanently-tuned band-pass filter for i-f. amplifier applications. Magnetostrictive elements of filter provide selectivity




characteristics approximating ideal rectangular shape needed for close spacing of adjacent voice communication channels. Space requirements are minimal (see illustration); hermetically-sealed unit requires no adjustment. Operating frequency 455 kc., nominal bandwidth 3 kc., input and output impedance 6,500 ohms.—*Collins Radio Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.*

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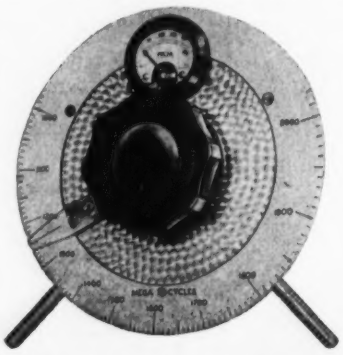
## UHF Frequency Meters

New series of absorption-type frequency meters cover spectrum from 125 to 4000 Mc. Instrument consists essentially of a tuned concentric line



controlled by a variable capacitor with a 9-in. scale dial calibrated directly in frequency. Visual indication is provided by a 250-ua. microammeter. Type "N" fitting equipped with probe antenna permits measurement of transmitter frequency either through radiation or directly coupled via coaxial connector. Capable of measuring either a pulse or sine wave, instrument provides accuracies to 0.1 percent.—*Marconi Instruments Ltd., 23 Beaver St., New York 4, N. Y.*

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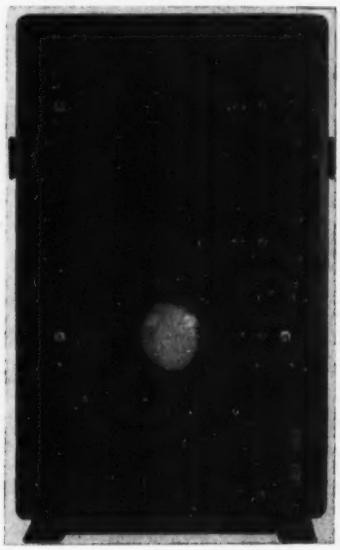
## Phase-angle Standard

New "Type 7000-A Primary Phase Standard," custom-designed for any fixed frequency between 20 cps. and 20 kc. selected by purchaser, provides two



voltages of same frequency whose phase angle is continuously variable from 0 to 360 degrees and is indicated by multiple Lissajous patterns. Accuracy 0.05 degree (better than 0.01 degree by special operating techniques). Output level 0-10 volts from low-impedance cathode followers.—*Technology Instrument Corp., Acton, Mass.*

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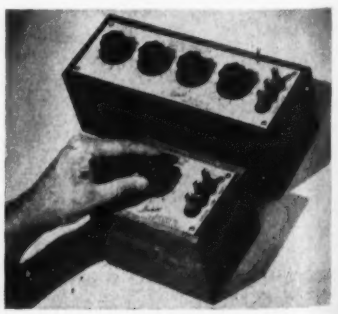
## Decade Inductors

New "Type DE" decade inductors are available with inductance values guaranteed to within one percent. Four units cover ranges 1-10 mH, 10-100 mH, 100 mH-1 H, and 1-10 H; are also available as a single unit to cover complete range from 1 mH to 10 H.



Special ranges available on request. Moisture-resistant impregnated inductors are wound on molybdenum-permalloy toroidal cores for high-Q and low external pickup. Each decade has complete electrostatic shielding.—*Lenkurt Electric Co.*, 1118 *County Road, San Carlos, Calif.*

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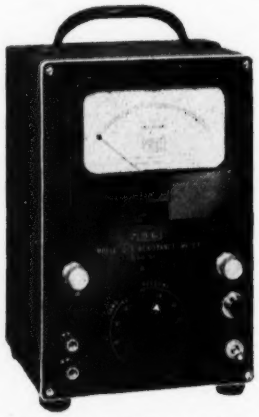
## Resistance and Leakage Tester

New "Model C-3" combined ohmmeter and leakage tester, for production testing of transformers, etc., has a useful range of 1 ohm to 1 million megohms.



Four ohmmeter ranges are powered by a 1.5-v. battery; six megohm ranges apply a maximum of 105 v. to unit under test. Accuracy is plus or minus 3 percent of full-scale deflection for all ranges except highest megohms range which is plus or minus 5 percent.—*Southwestern Industrial Electronics Co., Houston* 19, *Texas.*

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## Motor Control

New "C-25" operates 1/50th to 1/4 hp. shunt-wound d-c. motors, wound for 115 v. dc., on 110-120 v. ac.; consists of a half-wave thyratron rectifier circuit operating on one C3J tube to feed armature and a selenium rectifier stack to operate field circuit. Armature voltage can be varied from 20 to 130 volts. From 20 to 60 volts, when armature is loaded, voltage automatic-

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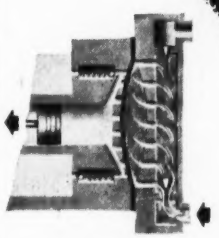

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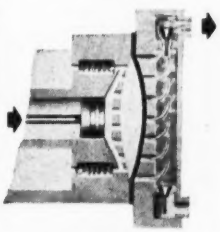

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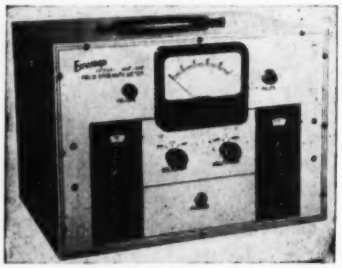
## Field Strength Meter

New UHF-VHF field strength meter covers all frequencies used today in broadcasting TV and FM programs; is also useful in determining relative



efficiency of different types of antennas as well as optimum height. VHF range is continuous from 52 to 218 Mc. with sensitivity at 60 percent deflection per 100 mv. input. UHF range is continuous from 470 to 890 Mc. with sensitivity at 50 percent deflection per 100 mv. input. —*Erwood, Inc.*, 1770 *Berteau St., Chicago* 13, *Ill.*

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## Voltage Tester

New "Hi-Test" voltage tester having only one test lead indicates from 115 to 600 volts a.c. or d.c. Second test prod is permanently mounted in one

end of tester; voltage scale, located in opposite end where it is always in full view, is a drum type scale, covered and protected with a magnifying lens. Flashover between ends of solenoid coil is eliminated in new design, as wires are brought out of case at opposite ends of coil.—*Holub Industries, Inc.*, 413 *DeKalb Ave., Sycamore, Illinois.*

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## Miniature Pulse Transformer

New "MPT 101-0.1," said to be the world's smallest pulse transformer, is designed for low-power blocking oscillator and other pulse-circuit applications; produces a pulse width of 0.1 microsecond when used in standard PCA circuit. Use of a special impreg-

nant and embedment resin provides sufficient moisture and shock resistance to pass MIL-T-27 specs. Units are individually tested to insure uniform quality and dependability.—*PCA Inc.*, 6368 *De Longpre Ave., Hollywood* 28, *Calif.*

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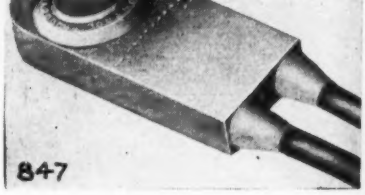
## Snap-action Waterproof Switch

New sine curve waterproof switch is for use where extreme environmental conditions are encountered. Basic mechanism is a radically new type of over-




center snap-action motion formed by means of a flat strip of beryllium copper punched into shape of sine curve. Silicone cover completely seals switch from moisture and dirt as well as making it explosion-proof and waterproof. Can be made in many styles. Rated at 20 amps. at 28 v. d.c.—*Control Products, Inc., Harrison, N. J.*

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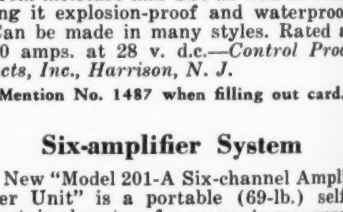
## Six-amplifier System

New "Model 201-A Six-channel Amplifier Unit" is a portable (69-lb.) self-contained system for accurate measurement of strain, pressure, acceleration,



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## Plug-in Octal Transformers

New "PO" (plug-in octal) series of pulse transformers pass MIL-T-27 specs; are intended for use in blocking oscillator and other pulse circuits; have

identical electrical characteristics to "MPT" series; are available with pulse widths from 0.1 to 16 microseconds when used in standard PCA circuit.—*PCA Inc., 6368 De Longpre Ave., Hollywood 28, Calif.*

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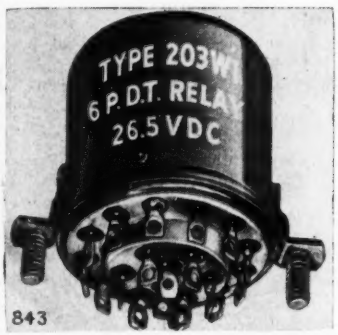
## Miniaturized D-c. Relay

New "203W1" miniaturized d-c. relay designed for general use throughout electrical systems of military aircraft is of 6-p. d-t. type operating on 26.5




volts; has palladium contacts and moisture-free-gas filling; is designed to meet MIL-R-5757 and is engineered to provide long service under extremes of temperature, humidity, shock, vibration, and voltage variations; weighs 3 oz.; can be operated in any position.—*Tube Dep't, Radio Corporation of America, Harrison, N. J.*

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## Binary Counter

New "Type M1552" high-speed binary counter for all types of counting and frequency division to rates in excess of 3 Mc. is sealed and ruggedized; has an 11-prong octal-type base plug which allows access to tube elements

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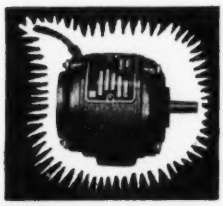

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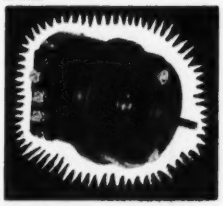

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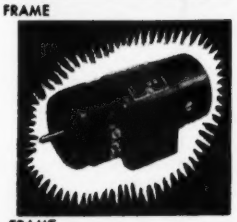

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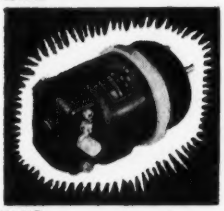

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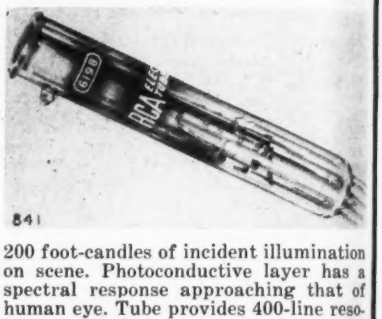
### Industrial TV Camera Tube

New "6198 Vidicon" is a small (6-in.) TV camera tube intended for industrial television applications. Its sensitivity permits televising scenes with 100 to



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200 foot-candles of incident illumination on scene. Photoconductive layer has a spectral response approaching that of human eye. Tube provides 400-line resolution; employs magnetic focus and magnetic deflection; operates with relatively low dc. voltages.—*Tube Dep't, Radio Corporation of America, Harrison, N. J.*

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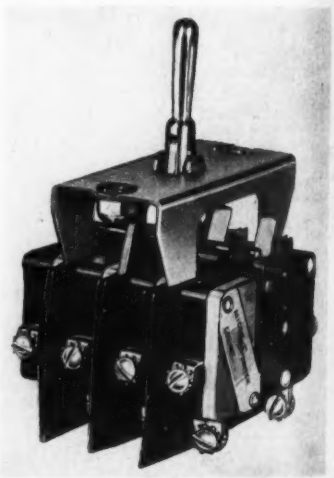
### Toggle-switch Assemblies

New precision toggle switch assemblies of a new type for multiple circuit control, are available with one to ten double-throw switching elements operated by a single lever. Lever may be detented in center and either or both extreme positions, or may be self-re-



turning to center. Each switching element is UL listed at 10 amps. 250 v.ac. and will handle 30 v.dc. inductive loads of 10 amps. at sea level and 6 amps. at 50,000-foot altitudes.—*Micro Switch, Freeport, Illinois.*

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## VHF Triode Pentode

New "6X8" miniature 9-pin medium-mu triode and sharp cutoff pentode is designed as a combined mixer and oscillator in receivers using an i.f. of ap-

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prox. 40 Mc. Pentode section characteristics are similar to "6AG5," triode section to one section of "6J6." Except for a common cathode, application of "6X8" is similar to "6U8." Pentode mixer section provides low grid No. 1 to plate capacitance as compared with a triode mixer, minimizing mixer feedback problems.—*Radio Tube Div., Sylvania Electric Products Inc.*, 1740 *Broadway, New York* 19, *N. Y.*

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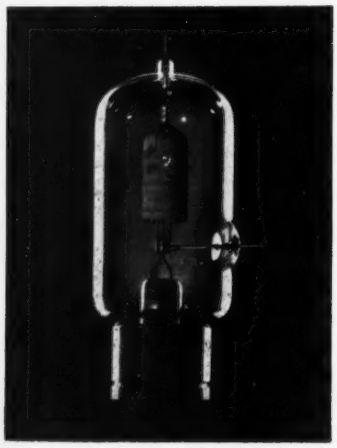
## Medium-mu Triode

New "Los Gatos brand Type 254" medium-mu triode has thoriated tungsten filament. Voltage 5.0; current 7.5 amps.; plate dissipation 100 watts;



max. ave. plate current 225 ma.; max. ave. grid current 60 ma.; max. plate voltage 4000; ave. amplif. constant 25.—*Lewis and Kaufman, Inc.*, 110 *El Rancho Ave., Los Gatos, Calif.*

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## Multi-unit Miniature Tube

New "12BF6" multi-unit miniature tube of heater-cathode type containing two diodes and a medium-mu triode, for use as a combined detector, amplifier,

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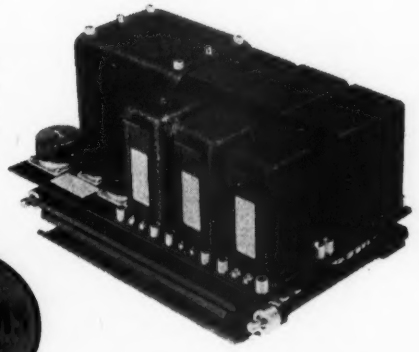

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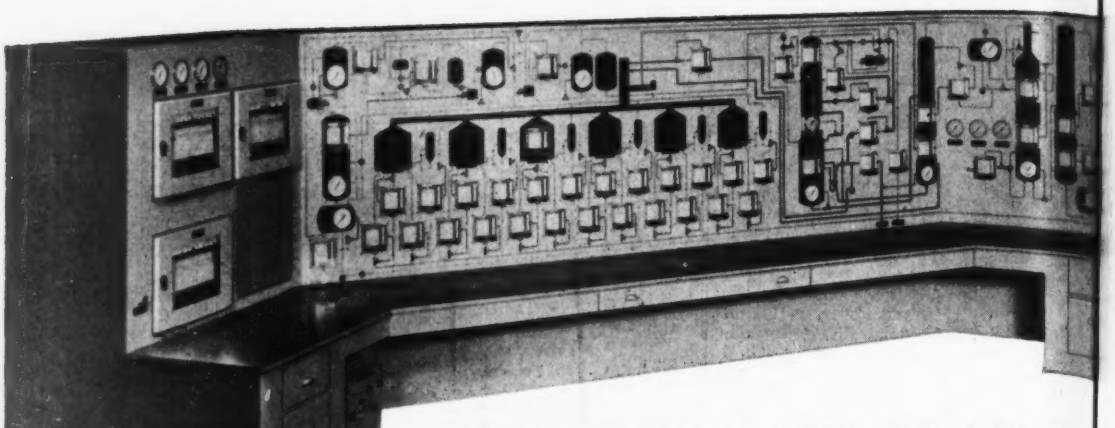

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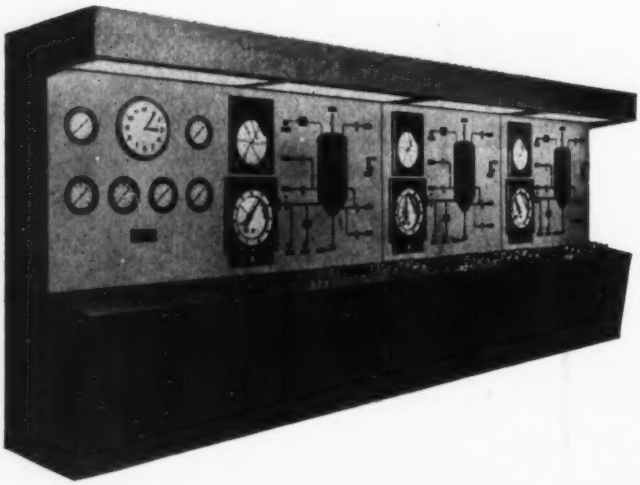

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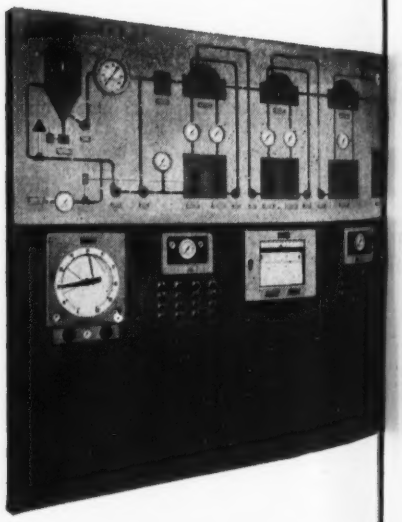

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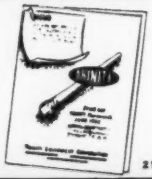

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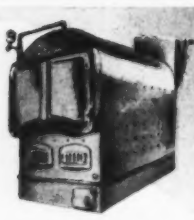

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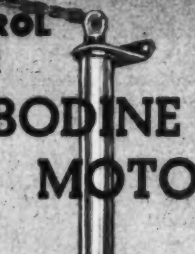

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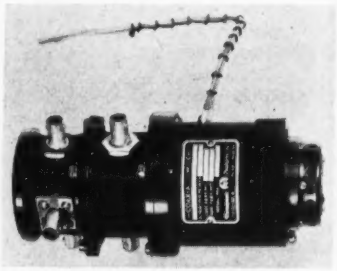
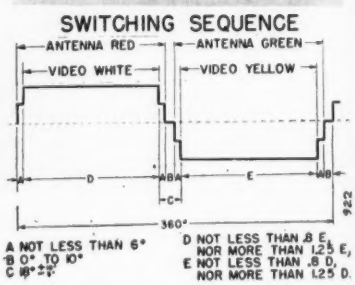
New "Model CA-31 Sensing Switch" is double-pole double-throw switch comprising r-f. head and 115-v. motor for actuating head. Two independent r-f.






circuits are switched at a rapid rate (15 to 34 cps.) to accomplish accurate circuit time-sharing. Frequency range is 0 to 250 Mc.—*Electronics Div., Thompson Products, Inc., 2196 Clarkwood Rd., Cleveland 3, Ohio.*

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New "Type 2J42 and 2J42A (6027)" magnetrons are 3-cm. magnetrons. "Type 2J42" is low-powered (17-watt average) packaged magnetron, with

coaxial-to-waveguide output stabilized by a cavity integral to assembly. "Type 2J42A (6027)" is physically similar but is supplied with additional magnet permitting average power of 21 watts. —*Microwave Associates, Inc., Boston 15, Mass.*

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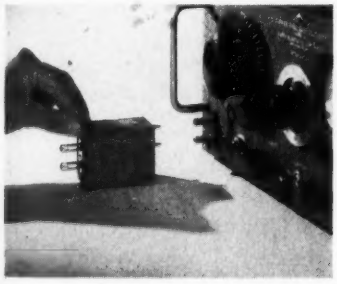
### Line-bridging Transformer

New "Model 122" line-bridging transformer converts unbalanced input to balanced input and is arranged for direct plug-in attachment to measuring



instruments. Flat within 0.5 db. from 15 to 500 kc., new unit can handle max. voltage of 100 v. Input impedances of 135, 500, and 600 ohms are available. —*Sierra Electronic Corp., 831 Brittan Ave., San Carlos, Calif.*

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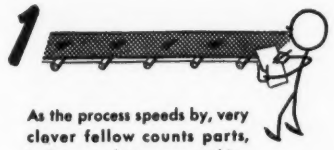

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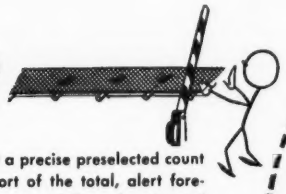

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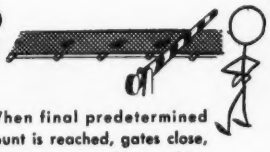

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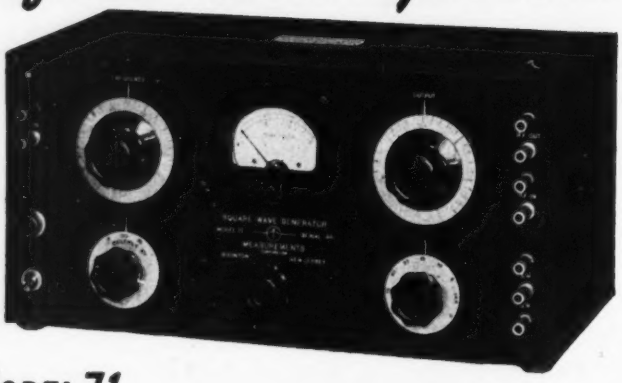

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New "6AX4-GT" is half-wave vacuum rectifier tube of heater-cathode type, for use as a damper tube in horizontal-deflection circuits of TV receivers. Withstands negative peak pulses between heater and cathode of 4000 volts.—*Tube Dep't, Radio Corporation of America, Harrison, N. J.*

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### Antenna Selector

New "Cat. No. 873" low-loss triple-circuit antenna selector is designed for selection at receiver of signals from any one of three antennas. Length of 300-ohm line is attached to common side of selector; screw-terminals provided for connections to three selector points.—*Technical Appliance Corp., Sherburne, N. Y.*

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### Push-push and Rotary Switches

New "Type J100 push on - push off" switch has contactor design said to assure positive contact even under adverse operating conditions. Contact sur-

faces are heavily silvered. Operates at either 28 v. d.c. or 115 v. a.c., 60 cycles; rated at 20 amp. resistive. New "Type R1000" is similar but designed for rotary action with an indicator knob. —*Hetherington, Inc., Sharon Hill, Pa.*

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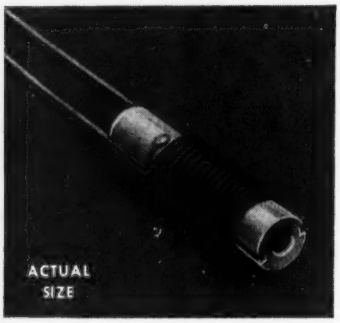


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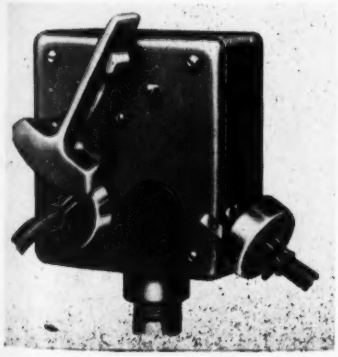


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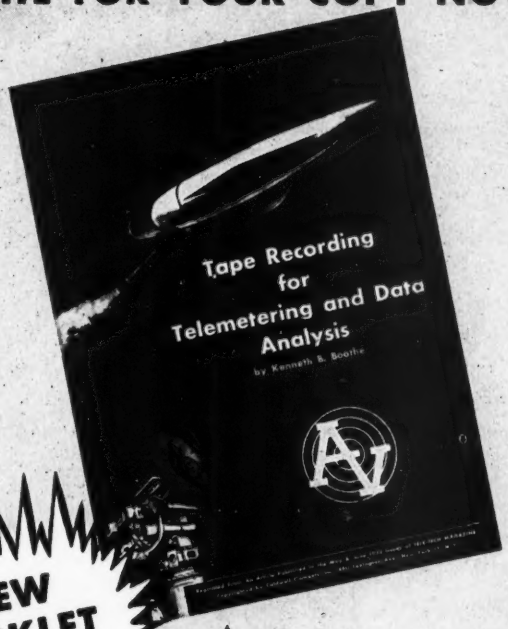


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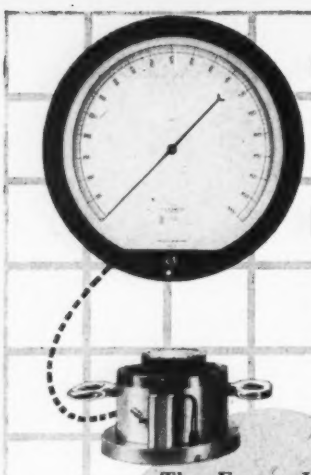

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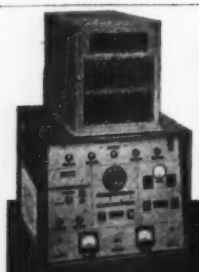

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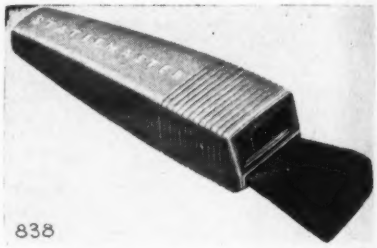
## Static Eliminator

New 3-inch "Staticmaster," molded of static-free plastic, is designed to remove static electricity and thereby prevent clinging foreign matter. One sweep



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of "Staticmaster" simultaneously removes static, dust, and lint. Object neutralized remains free until recharged by friction, handling, or rubbing.—*Dep't 31, Nuclear Products Co., 10173 E. Rush St., El Monte, Calif.*

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## Comparator Gages

New line of electrical (non-electronic) comparator gages comprises standard and special-purpose models (some

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## Stroboscopic Disk for 3-speed Phonographs

New "Model 18-D, Phonostrobe Disk," when used with "Labstrobe" or other 60-cycle stroboscopic light source, permits quick and accurate determination

of the three standard phonograph turntable speeds: 78, 45 and 33 1/3 rpm.—*Berkshire Laboratories, 508 Beaver Pond Road, Lincoln, Mass.*

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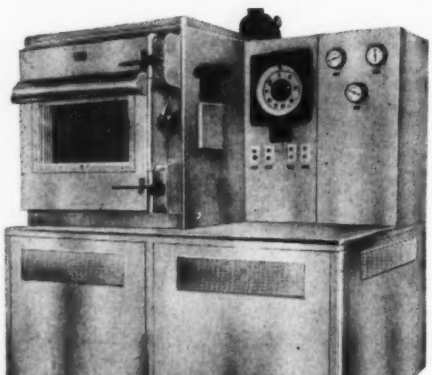

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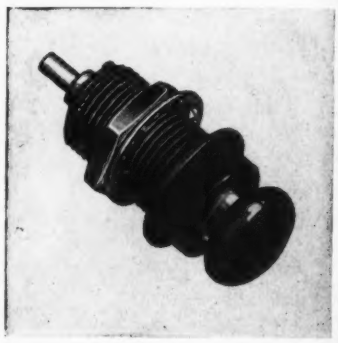
### Indicator Light for Edge-lit Aircraft Panels

New "Type L2000" indicator light for edge-lit AN-P-89 aircraft panels flange-mounts on backup plate; socket extends through edge-lit panel; plastic



lens screws into light socket from front of panel. Unit is 1.25 in. long over-all; weighs less than 0.25 oz.—*Hetherington, Inc., Sharon Hill, Penna.*

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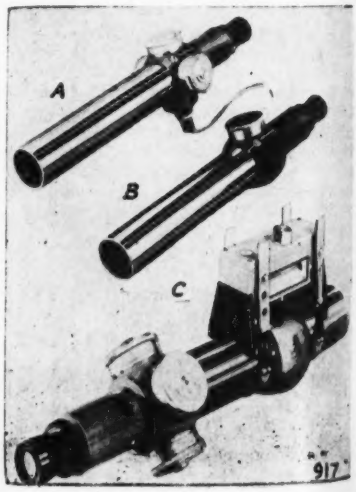
### Optical Tooling Telescopes and Accessories

New "Micro Alignment Telescope" permits not only checking point alignment to 0.001-inch accuracy over distances from 18 inches to more than 150 feet, but also determining squareness of mirror targets through built-in auto-reflection. As a truly square



mirror target returns to operator an image of instrument's objective end, an out-of-square target will show this image out of center. Built-in illuminator and calibrated graticule permit operator to determine squareness of mirror target. (See Fig. A.) Where micrometer reading of displacement is not required, telescope is furnished in a simplified form (B) without built-in optical micrometers. This unit can also be equipped with auto-reflection. When necessary to set telescope truly horizontal, a stride-level (C) is provided which has precision split-bubble reading. For precise point and tilt alignment, an aligning tube (not illustrated) is furnished, consisting of a precision-ground chromium-plated barrel of same diameter as telescope, with two built-in targets at 10-inch distance. When both targets appear aligned in telescope, perfect alignment between telescope and aligning tube is established. New glass targets in 1.5-inch and 2.5-inch diameter to AIA standards provide permanent easily-cleaned reference points for alignment. Other accessories, such as collimators, mounting spheres, target rotators, optical squares, present a complete group of optical tooling devices.—*Engis Equipment Co., 431 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.*

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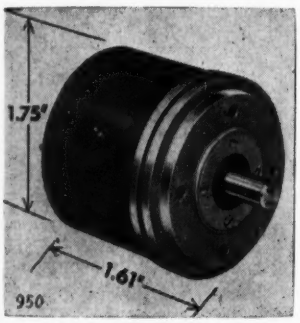
New "Spiralpot" is designed for applications requiring high resolution with angular shaft displacement up to 3600 degrees, such as servo-control, computers, etc. Electrical output is exactly proportional to angular shaft position with brush traversing length of a resistance wire as shaft is rotated. Features include: unlimited (zero increment) resolution, extremely low




noise level under all conditions, low torque, minimum inertia effect because of small mass of moving parts, positive mechanical stops that will hold up to 500 oz.-in. torque, close concentricity between shaft and mounting surface with a synchro-type mounting arrangement. Units are available in five standard resistance values from 500 to 2500 ohms in 500-ohm increments, will last over a million revolutions at 200 rpm.—*G. M. Giannini & Co., Pasadena 1, Cal.*

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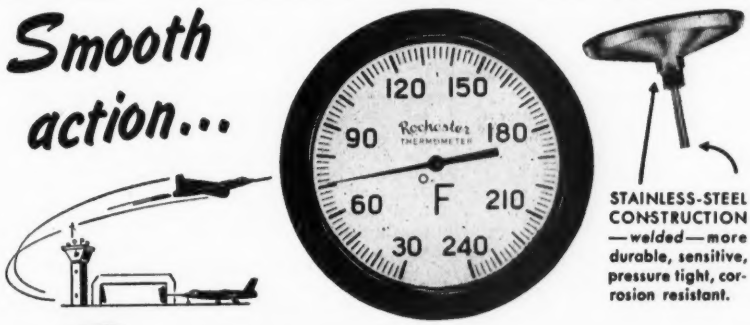


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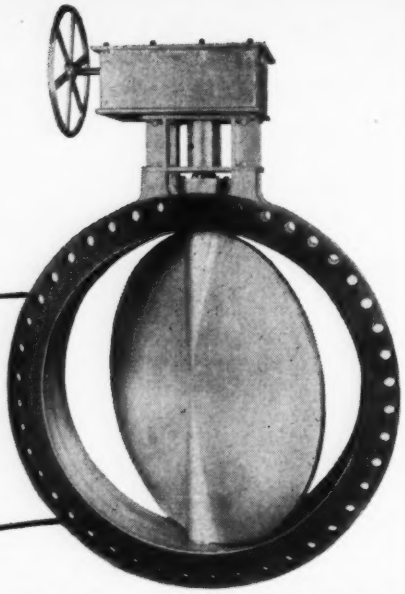

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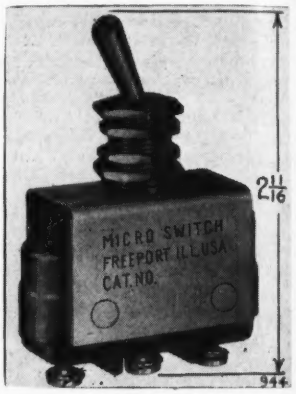


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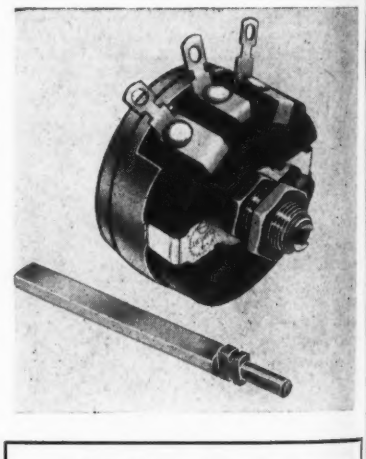


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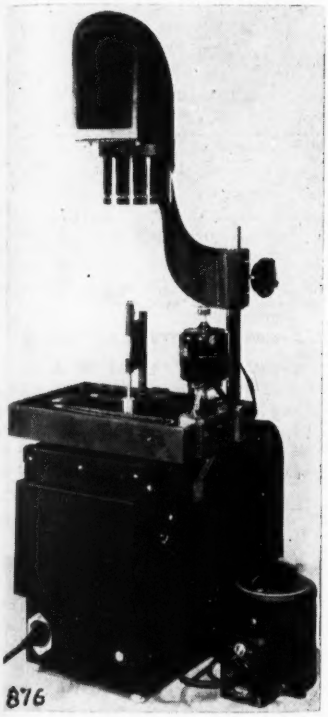


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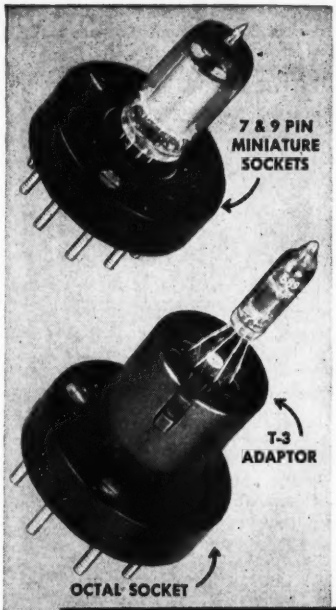


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# Process Flow Sheets *and* Instrument Control Diagrams

**Process flow sheets, process control diagrams, and engineering flow sheets can be simplified by eliminating sharp turns and intersections and by using descriptive symbols.**

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PROCESS flow sheets, instrument control diagrams, and engineering flow sheets can be compared to maps. They are diagrammatic representations of the equipment and flow of product, just as the map represents localities and the flow of traffic. Conventional flow sheets and control diagrams, like a city map, have a maze of sharp turns and intersections, leading to mental fatigue and increasing the chance for human error. They can be improved by a few basic techniques.

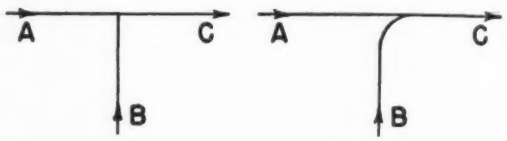


Fig. 1. A simple junction. On the left is the conventional flow symbol; on the right is an improved flow symbol.

### Types of Diagrams

There are three types of diagrams used in process work. (1) The *process flow sheet* is a simple diagram setting forth the basic idea of the process, omitting auxiliary lines and instrument symbols. (2) The *instrument control diagram*, or *process control diagram*, as it is more commonly known, is essentially a process flow sheet with instrumentation added. (3) The *engineering flow sheet* is a detailed process flow sheet; all process equipment, instruments, valves, and piping are shown. The engineering flow sheet is used primarily by project engineers and draftsmen for making estimates and detailed drawings. It must be studied carefully to understand the basic idea of the process because that idea is hidden behind the intersections, sharp turns, and necessary details.

On the other hand, the process flow sheets and process control diagrams can be compared with improved highway layouts. There are no sharp turns or intersections. Details have been avoided. The drawing should be made with considerable forethought, giving the individual studying it the basic idea of what is being done in the process.

### Applications of Flow Sheets and Control Diagrams

The instrument applications engineer should have a clear picture of the process before he starts to apply the controls. However, if he is forced to make pencilled sketches of each problem before he is able to spell out the idea, he will spend many hours and possibly miss some important point. A well-made flow sheet and control diagram can be a guide and a timesaver for the instrument engineer.

The technical service man or the process engineer will study a process flow sheet or process control diagram in order to evaluate the process. He uses instruments as valuable tools and fact-finders to determine the effects of certain changes on yields, quality, etc.

Many men in the field read flow sheets at one time or another. The unit process engineer uses them constantly. Foremen and instrumentmen, like operators, seldom have the occasion to use them after the unit is in operation and they have become familiar with the process. The best use of these sheets in the Instrument Department is for new personnel or men transferred from another area because they can become familiarized with the basic idea of the process in a minimum of time. The man who is trained in this way can generally be counted upon to pick up the physical location of his equipment in a short time. For this reason the process flow sheets and control diagrams should be kept as basic as possible so that the persons reading them can get the idea of the process without wasting time and effort.

The average instrumentman can not possibly remember all the operations in a plant, but with the aid of a good process control diagram he generally can locate trouble quickly.

### Methods For Improving Diagrams

Fig. 1 shows a simple junction of one line with another. In the left-hand diagram we see the standard intersection. Starting at point "B" and following toward the junction, we are forced to stop and think, not knowing whether to turn toward point "A" or "C." However, in the right-hand diagram there is no confusion. The eye quickly follows the curve and we proceed directly from point "B" to point "C."

Fig. 2 shows a pump on a flow sheet. In the left-hand diagram the pump suction line drops down to the left of the pump. The discharge line is on the right, rising and crossing the suction line. On the right side is shown a simpler method of indicating a pump in the process. The suction side is the large end of the pear-shaped pump symbol and the discharge side is the small end. The use of this pump symbol aids the reader to determine the direction of flow because one usually thinks of pumps having large suction and small discharge nozzles.

Fig. 3 is a flow sheet of a typical process. On the left, the reader is immediately confused by the excess lines and line crossings and by the dislocation of process equipment. On the right-hand side the confusion is eliminated. The equipment is located as it actually appears in the process

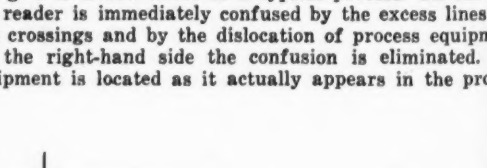


Fig. 2. Methods for showing pumps on flow sheets. Left, conventional method; right, improved method.

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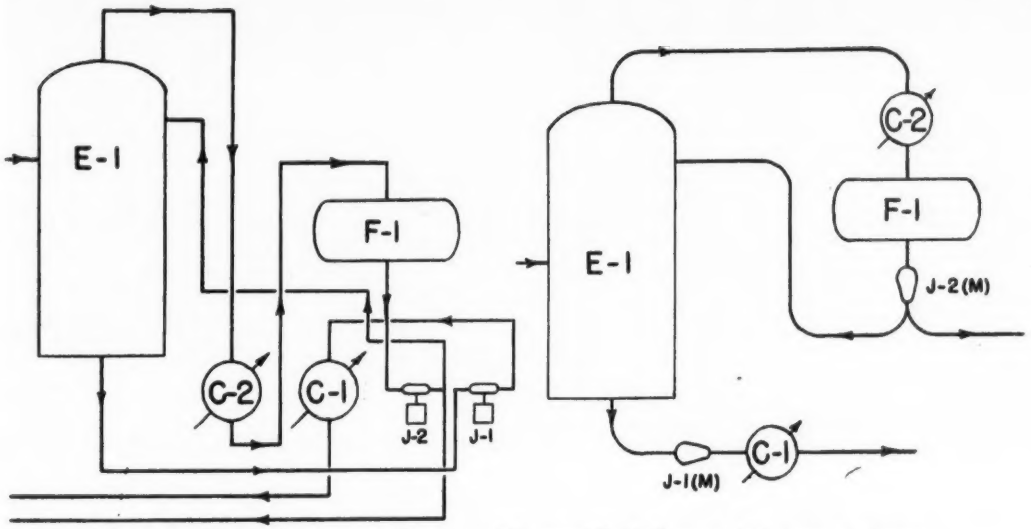


Fig. 3. Process flow sheet of a typical process. Left, conventional diagram; right, improved diagram.

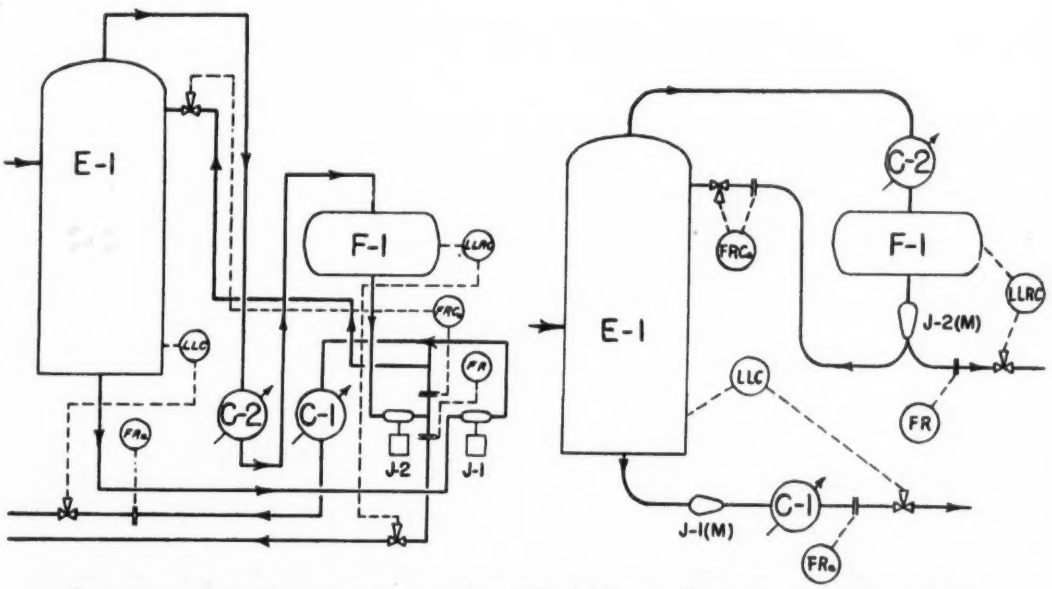


Fig. 4. Process control diagram of same process shown in Fig. 3. Left, conventional method; right, improved method.

and smooth lines with no sharp turns connect the various pieces of equipment. The pump symbols are used to advantage in pointing out the direction of flow. Both diagrams describe the same basic process flow, but the diagram on the right can be read and understood in a fraction of the time required for the diagram on the left.

Fig. 4 shows the same process described in Fig. 3. We have made a process control diagram out of the process flow sheet by adding instrumentation. The addition of control instruments in the left-hand diagram further confuses the picture. Here we have the instrument air lines, shown dotted, running parallel to and crossing the process lines. On the right side the instrument air lines never run parallel to the process lines. The instrument symbols, like the pump symbols, can be used to indicate flow directions. This is done by sloping the dotted air lines from the symbols to the valves or pressure or temperature points in the direction of process flow. Thus we have a concise picture of the process and how it is controlled.

The detailed engineering flow sheet is of no immediate use to the process or instrumentman. It is too detailed. The project engineer and draftsman use this type of diagram. From it the engineer can estimate the cost of the unit because the diagram shows all the block valves, bleed valves, piping, spare equipment, and auxiliary lines, as well as the major pieces of equipment and instruments; the draftsman can make equipment and piping layout drawings. The engineering flow sheet can be simplified by using the same techniques illustrated in Fig. 4.

Several symbols sometimes are used to indicate only one instrument—that is, there are symbols for the transmitter, receiver-recorder, the alarm, and any other part that may have been added to the basic instrument. These needless symbols make the diagram more difficult to read and understand. One symbol with proper designation can explain the control instrument required.

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# LUBE-OIL Processing and Instrumentation

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CIT-CON, owned by Cities Service and Continental, is the largest lube-oil plant in the world for the exclusive production of high V.I. lube oils. The oil-processing facilities consist of Twin Vacuum Units for preparing five base cuts, from which are produced five grades of high V.I. lube oil by a blocked operation. The three lightest distillates are solvent refined by the largest Furfural Unit in the world, then MEK solvent dewaxed and contacted. The heaviest distillate and the short resid from the vacuum tower bottoms are solvent refined in the largest Duo-Sol Unit in the world, then MEK dewaxed and contacted. In addition to these lube-oil operations the paraffin wax from the three lightest distillates are finished to market specifications by blending, bauxite percolation, slabbing, and packaging. These operations require about 800 instruments and 450 diaphragm-motor valves.

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## Compressor Control

Let us first discuss the compressor control at the Duo-Sol Unit. These compressors maintain a constant pressure on seven towers operating at 70 pounds Propane pressure. These towers are either distilling or stripping essentially

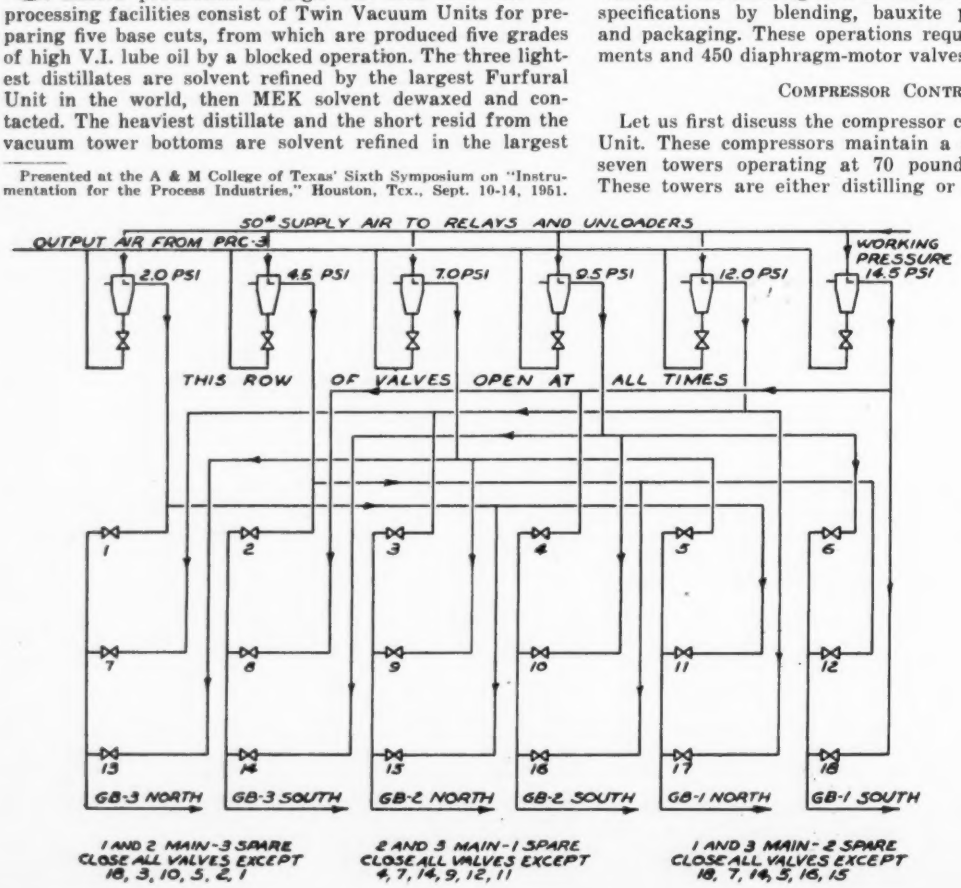


Fig. 1. Compressor loading relays.

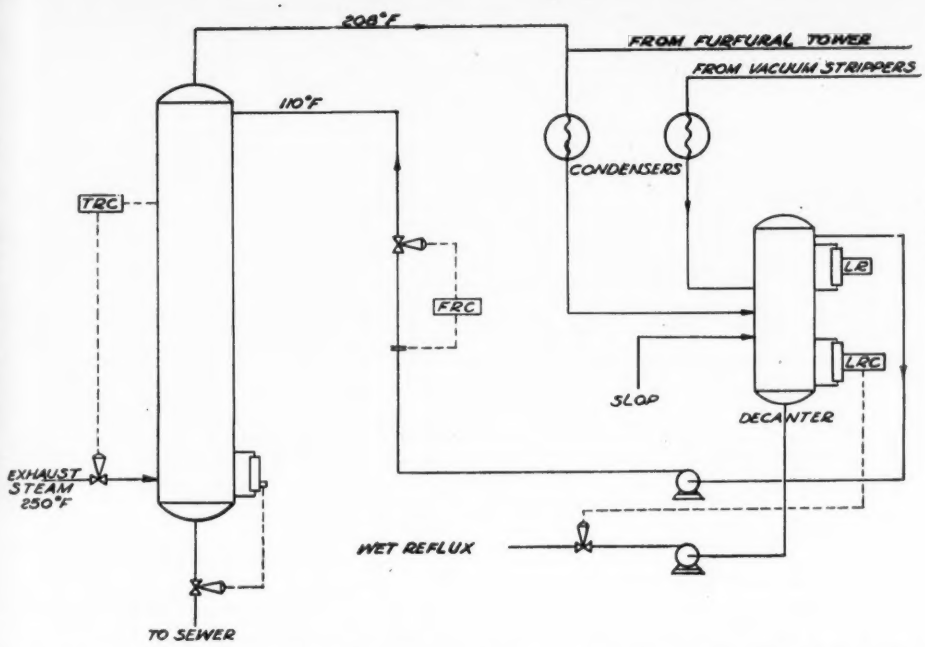


Fig. 2. Water-removal system, furfural unit; water-removal tower at left recovers the furfural in the water layer from the decanter.

single-boiling-point materials, such as Selecto or water, from relatively nonvolatile oils. The bottoms composition of these towers is sensitive to pressure and temperature changes; a change in pressure of a few pounds can either stop distillation or cause extremely fast distillation with the resultant danger of "pukes." One circuit in this system includes a tube still reboiler. Changes in pressure here have a tremendous effect on the system because the liquid-holding capacity of the tube still is far greater than the tower the tube still is circulating. Thus a reduction in pressure causes sudden evaporation in the tube still and a large quantity of liquid is displaced from the still into the tower. The tower bottom is on level control so the liquid pushed out of the still is passed immediately out of the tower. The return of pressure to normal means that evaporation in the tube still will be suppressed and the tower level will go low in order to refill the tube still. These points show the importance of good pressure control for this system.

Propane is continuously flashing into the 70-pound system from a 250-pound Propane system. In addition, a blow down from equipment in the 250-pound system is tied into the 70-pound system.

The three compressors handling the Propane gas in the 70-pound system are constant-speed motor-driven two-stage reciprocating compressors. The compressors are equipped with air-operated diaphragm unloaders.

The control system for maintaining a constant pressure on this 70-pound system centers around a master pressure-control instrument which supplies the impulse to operate (1) compressor unloaders, (2) compressor start-stop controls, and (3) a shut-off valve on the blow-down system. The compressor unloaders are air-operated diaphragm unloaders operating on 50-pound air. The air to the unloaders is supplied through snap-action three-way relays which are set to act in a prescribed sequence as the output air from the master pressure-control varies. The start-stop controls also

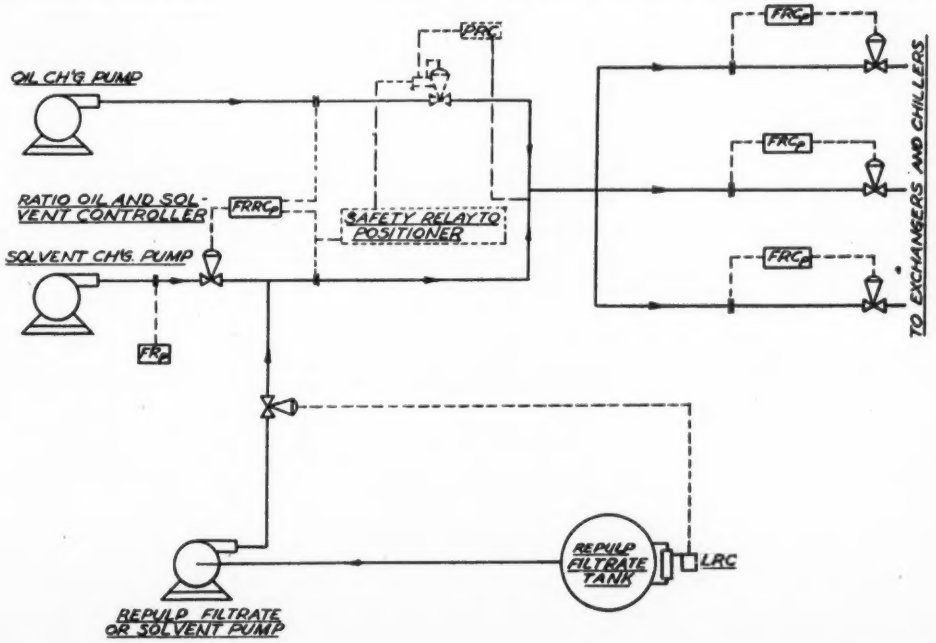


Fig. 3. MEK-2 oil- and solvent-charge instrumentation.

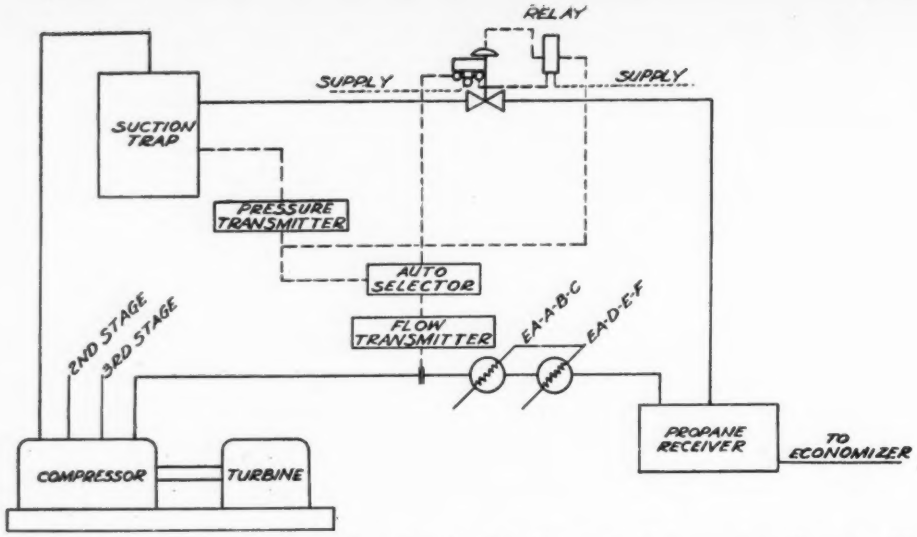


Fig. 4. Instrumentation of refrigeration Propane compressor.

fit into this sequence, as does the shut-off valve for the blow-down system.

The steps in this operation can be seen best if we assume the following conditions: The compressors are lined up in the normal way, with one compressor set for manual operation (which means it will be running at all times) and the other two compressors set on automatic operation (ready to cut in and out as required). We will also assume that pressure on the system is below the desired pressure of 70 pounds, but rising. Under these conditions the manual compressor will be running completely unloaded and the other compressors are shut down. As the pressure rises, the first set of unloaders of the running compressor load, so the compressor is half loaded. The second set of unloaders then load so the compressor is running fully loaded. As the pressure rises further, the blow-down control valve starts to close so that pressure from an outside source will be reduced. The pressure still is rising, so the second compressor starts fully unloaded. First one set of unloader then the other load up and there are two compressors running fully loaded. At this point the blow-down control valve is closed completely, shutting off any outside source of Propane. Continued rising pressure then causes the third compressor to start fully unloaded. It then will load up as described for the other compressors. In general the three compressors, fully loaded, will take care of all conditions because they are sized so that two of them will handle the normal maximum-design Propane load. If a condition should arise where all three compressors do not handle the load and the pressure continues to rise, there is a simple pressure controller on the suction trap which will open a control valve to a flare line so that pressure will be bled off before safety valves begin to pop. This is important because if the tower safeties let go, valuable Selecto vapor as well as Propane will pop.

The following sequence of each operation in terms of controlled air pressure from the master pressure-controller shows the close calibration necessary for the various operations: At a pressure of

14.5, 1st set of unloaders on manual compressor load;
12.0, 2nd set of unloaders on manual compressor load;
12.0, Blow-down control valve starts to close;
10.5, 2nd compressor starts unloaded;
9.5, 1st set of unloaders on 1st automatic compressor load;
7.0, 2nd set of unloaders on 1st automatic compressor load;
6.0, Blow-down control valve is fully closed;
5.5, 3rd compressor starts unloaded;
4.5, 1st set of unloaders on 2nd automatic compressor load;
2.0, 2nd set of unloaders on 2nd automatic compressor load.

As a control system this works well. The complication comes when the system is installed so that any of the three compressors can be used on manual with either of the two remaining compressors being either 1st or 2nd automatic. This had to be set up so the operators could make such a change depending on their choice or the mechanical condition of the compressors. Fig. 1, which is a sketch of the instrumentation, shows how this was done by using a number system. If the operator opens all valves listed for

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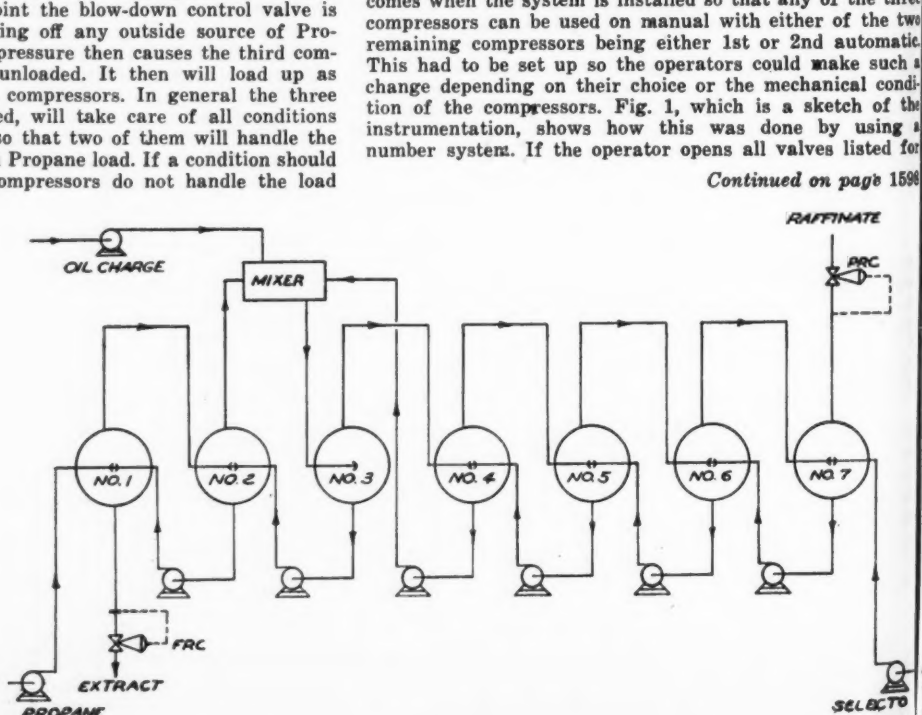


Fig. 5. Simplified Duo-Sol extraction system.

# *Inwall Temperatures of* BLAST FURNACES

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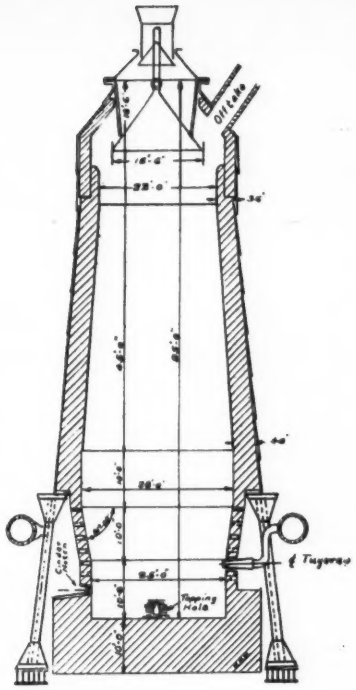
**Blast-furnace inwall temperatures can be an important guide to operating personnel. Important factors in measurement are thermocouple design, location, placement, and recording technique.**



CONSIDERABLE effort has been made to measure and record blast-furnace inwall temperatures because (1) the temperature data can be used by furnace operators as an indication of change in stock movement, which affects the upward movement of the high-temperature gas, (2) dangerous channeling of the gas against the walls of the furnace is noted quickly, thus enabling the operator to take corrective steps before damage, in the form of excessive erosion, has permanently changed furnace lines, and (3) normal wear in a furnace lining can be noted over extended periods of time. In order to scan the inwall lining in the zones where greatest wear usually occurs, a minimum of six thermocouple points is selected equidistantly spaced around the circumference of the furnace shell at the same elevation. Thermocouples are inserted from 12 to 24 inches into the brickwork at these points. For convenience, the thermocouples are numbered one to six clockwise around the furnace, with the iron notch as the starting reference point.

## Thermocouple Locations

As the section of lining that wears rapidly on most furnaces is the first thirty feet of unprotected inwall above the mantle (main support for the shell and top structure), it is desirable to have thermocouples installed in this region, whether water-cooled or not. The most desirable location for a single set of inwall couples is approximately ten feet above the mantle. A complete installation also would include the twenty- and thirty-foot levels above the mantle.

Temperatures obtained from inwall thermocouples at levels up to thirty feet above the mantle reflect conditions of the lining or working conditions generally. Additionally, to aid the furnace personnel in determining the proper filling sequence, sizes of charges, bell dumping speed, and height of stockline, it is helpful to measure temperature at the face of the inwall a few feet below the normal stockline; quick response to furnace temperature changes can be obtained in this region.

## Thermocouples

The thermocouple material generally used in the reducing atmosphere of the blast furnace is iron-constantan with primary protection of at least a 28-percent chromium-iron closed-end tube. Heavy walled protection tubes, despite their slow response to temperature change, are chosen for maximum continuous thermocouple service. Excessive replacements of either the thermocouples or protecting tubes, although not prohibitive as to cost, are impractical because safety precautions prevent accessibility to their location during operation. Access platforms must be provided for their renewal, whether frequent or not. The thermocouples usually can be replaced during stops on the furnace for minor repairs. Protecting tubes can be inspected and renewals prepared at the earliest opportunity.

Thermocouple extension lead-wire from the thermocouples to the recording pyrometer should be a No. 14 duplex lead-wire, enameled, asbestos wrap over each wire, and a weather-proof asbestos braid over-all; this affords protection against both the heat and moisture around the blast-furnace area. In addition, all lead-wire should be installed in ample-size conduit that is placed and sealed to prevent entrance of water. Wire pulled in undersized conduit can break or kink; therefore, care is urged in this part of the installation. Use conduit fittings at bends for inspection and ease of renewals. A large terminal box, located on the cast house wall, will save lead wire on renewals because the wire to the instrument from this point seldom will be found to be defective. Splicing of lead wire or use of a brass terminal box is not objectionable.

## Placement Technique

Before proceeding to methods of recording inwall temperatures, method of thermocouple placement should be considered. On a furnace rebuild the thermocouples in their protecting tubes are secured to the shell just prior to laying the adjacent courses of brick. Renewals at any other time probably will require drilling through the lining, and back tamping with a good grade of fire clay around the protecting tube. This procedure yields a good picture of lining thickness at the particular elevation of the thermocouples. As the lining cannot be depended upon to hold the thermocouples secure, some means of external fastening is required.

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# INSTRUMENT ELECTRONICS

**The basic parts of all scientific and industrial instruments are the pickup, the amplifier, and the output device. All pickups are essentially variable resistors, capacitors, inductors, or sources of emf. Basic pickups, amplifiers, recorders, and controllers are discussed.**

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## XIV. SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENTS

Electronic circuitry is being used in vast and growing amounts in instruments for the measurement and control of pressure, temperature, flow, acceleration, speed, chemical composition, humidity, and all other physical, chemical, and environmental factors. This use is expanding in both scientific laboratories and industrial plants; indeed, there no longer is a distinct boundary between scientific and industrial instrumentation. Scientific laboratories now use "industrial" recording potentiometers and controller systems; industrial plants now use "scientific" analytical and high-vacuum instruments.

The instruments can be studied logically in three parts —(1) primary elements, or pickups, (2) amplifiers, and (3) recorders and controllers. Electronics is being used widely in all three catagories.

### Pickups

The terms "primary element" and "transducer" are commonly applied to devices which sense a measurable magnitude and change the form of energy. There is a wide and expanding variety of primary elements that change pressures, temperatures, flows, and other measurables into proportional electrical signals.

Important characteristics of pickups are: (1) impedance, (2) linearity, (3) stability, (4) frequency response, (5) required power, (6) amplitude range, (7) sensitivity, (8) weight, (9) fragility, and (10) size. The choice of a pickup for any given application is always a compromise between all these factors and the type of amplifier and recorder system available. For example, the pickup must have a frequency response such that it detects all important variations in the condition being measured. The linearity should be known; nonlinearity often can be compensated by auxiliary devices in the circuit. The sensitivity, output amplitude, and impedance determine the type and cost of the measuring circuit.

Despite the large number of pickups with electrical output, all are either a variable resistance, capacitance, inductance, or potential.

#### *Resistive Pickups*

Many pickups are available that change ohmic resistance with acceleration, chemical composition, displacement, force, humidity, light, load, position, pressure, radiant energy, strain, stress, torque, temperature, velocity, vibration, or other measurable. Typical examples of such primary elements are strain gages; photoconductive cells; potentiometers (voltage-dividing resistors); carbon piles; bolometers; constantan, nichrome, and platinum wire; conductivity cells, and thermistors. Fig. 14-1 shows some typical resistive pickups.

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The sensitivity, or resistance change per unit change in the measured condition, varies greatly between types of pickups. The potentiometer-rheostat can be varied through 100 percent of its resistance value; the strain gage can be varied through only a few percent of its resistance.

#### *Measuring Circuits For Resistive Pickups*

The two most common measuring circuits used with resistive pickups are (1) the series circuit and (2) the bridge circuit, which are shown in Fig. 14-2.

In the *series* circuit the resistive pickup is in series with a source of constant potential. Variations in resistance cause changes in current or voltage, which can be measured either by a galvanometer or voltmeter. Either alternating or direct current can be used as the source potential. The advantage of this circuit is simplicity; the disadvantages are (1) the zero point of the measurement does not coincide with zero current; thus, any change in lead resistance causes spurious signals, (2) the source voltage must be kept constant, and (3) the calibration is not linear except under special conditions. These disadvantages are overcome in the bridge circuit.

The most widely used *bridge circuit* is the Wheatstone bridge circuit, shown in Fig. 14-2. The bridge can be energized by a.c. or d.c. In this circuit one of the resistors is the pickup; another resistor is made variable so that the circuit can be balanced. At the balance point no current flows through the galvanometer. As no current flows when

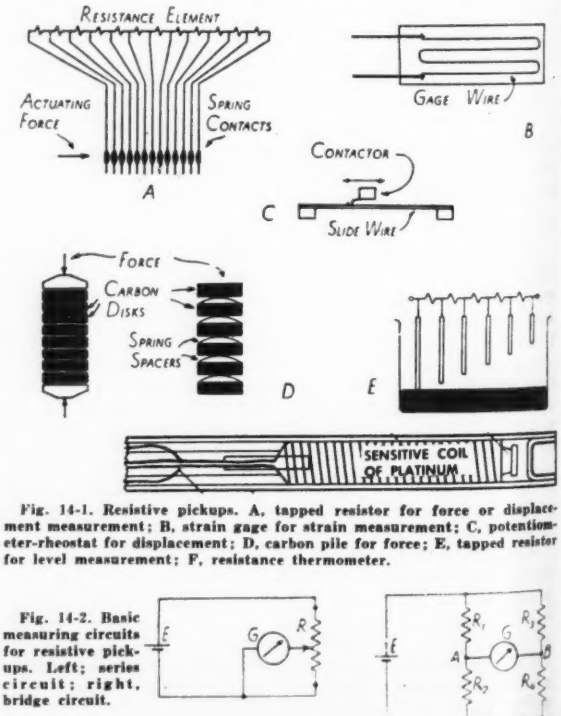


**Fig. 14-1. Resistive pickups. A, tapped resistor for force or displacement measurement; B, strain gage for strain measurement; C, potentiometer-rheostat for displacement; D, carbon pile for force; E, tapped resistor for level measurement; F, resistance thermometer.**

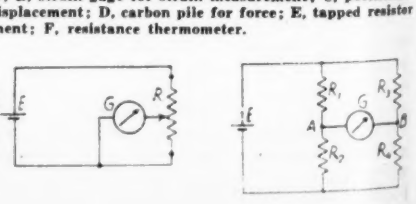


**Fig. 14-2. Basic measuring circuits for resistive pickups. Left; series circuit; right, bridge circuit.**

the reading is made, changes in lead resistance can introduce no error. The sensitivity of the bridge circuit is high and the circuit is used commonly with all types of resistive pickups. For example, Fig. 14-3 shows a Pirani vacuum gage. The pickup is a heated wire which changes resistance with the pressure of its atmosphere. As is commonly done in bridge circuits, a second compensating cell is used in one of the bridge legs to cancel supply variations, pickup drift, etc.

Another bridge circuit is the *Kelvin bridge*, shown in Fig. 14-4. This circuit is particularly useful for low resistances because high current flows through the unknown resistance but not through the calibrated bridge resistances. The bridge is more sensitive than the Wheatstone bridge because the IR drop across the pickup is higher. Both Wheatstone and Kelvin bridges can be excited by either alternating current or direct current. The former is not used as much as the latter because the reactive components of the arms can cause trouble.

In general, resistive pickups are less sensitive than capacitive or inductive pickups because a larger percentage change in impedance is obtained more easily with the latter types. However, as most resistive pickups are low-impedance devices, they can be made nicely stable.

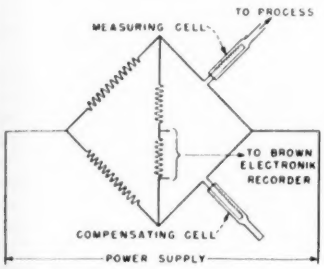


**Fig. 14-3. Pirani vacuum cells in Wheatstone bridge circuit with output to an automatic recorder.**

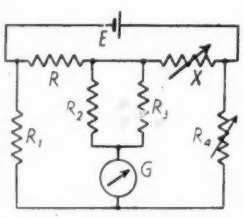


**Fig. 14-4. Kelvin bridge.**

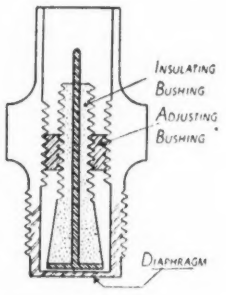


**Fig. 14-5. Capacitive pickup for measuring pressure.**

*Capacitive Pickups*

Pickups are available which change capacitance with chemical composition, displacement, flow, level, pressure, thickness, vibration, etc. Such variable capacitors are simply two conducting plates in which either the distance between the plates, the area of the plates, or the dielectric between the plates is varied by the condition to be measured. (See Chapter 2 for capacitor fundamentals.) Fig. 14-5 shows a capacitive pickup for measuring pressure; pressure on the diaphragm changes the distance between the two plates of the capacitor.

*Measuring Circuits for Capacitive Pickups*

The most common measuring circuits used with capacitive pickups are (1) impedance bridges and (2) oscillators.

*Impedance bridges* are similar to Wheatstone resistance bridges in principle, but the arms have reactances (capacitors or inductors) rather than resistors. Fig. 14-6 shows a Foxboro bridge circuit for capacitive measurements of material thickness. The material to be gaged passes between the plates of the measuring capacitor, which is in a bridge circuit. Two arms are low-impedance transformer windings; the other two are the measuring capacitor (the pickup) and the rebalancing capacitor. The low impedance of the transformer reduces the effect of capacity to ground and leakage along the leads from the measuring capacitor to the instrument proper.

In *oscillator circuits*, the pickup capacitor is a part of a frequency-determining resonant tank; thus changes in capacity cause changes in frequency, which can be measured by frequency discriminators or heterodyne methods. Fig. 14-7 shows the circuit of the Foxboro "Dynalog" recorder. Both the measuring capacitor and rebalancing capacitor are operated at 1.7 Mc. and modulated at 60 cps. The two 1.7-Mc. signals are heterodyned in the diode detector. Any change in the measuring capacitor causes a 60-cps. signal to appear at the detector, which signal is used to rebalance the balancing capacitor. Operation at the high radio frequency (1.7 Mc.) gives a large output signal for small changes in capacitance.

When the oscillator circuit operates at a high frequency, the circuit has high sensitivity; movements of a few billionths of an inch by a plate can be detected, or small variations in the dielectric can be detected. As with all high-sensitivity systems, stability becomes a problem. Bridge circuits, which are symmetrical and thus balance out power-supply drift, cable effects, etc., usually have higher over-all system stability than oscillator circuits, although the latter have higher sensitivity.

Capacitive pickups are usually high-impedance devices, in contrast with resistive pickups, which can be of low impedance. As high-impedance devices are inherently less stable than low-impedance devices, capacitive pickups are inherently less stable than resistive types. However. they usually are more sensitive.

*Inductive Pickups*

Inductive pickups are available for measurement of acceleration, displacement, flow, force (torsion bar plus differential transformer), level, position, pressure, rotation, strain, tension, thickness, velocity, and vibration. They operate by changing either self-inductance or mutual inductance—usually by changing the reluctance of a part of their associated magnetic circuits. (See Chapter 2 for

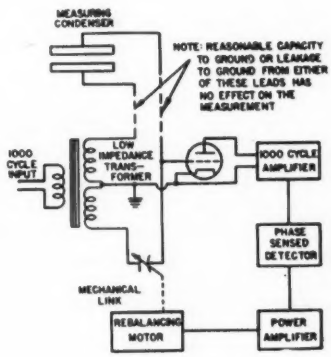
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**Fig. 14-6. Foxboro bridge circuit for capacitive measurements.**

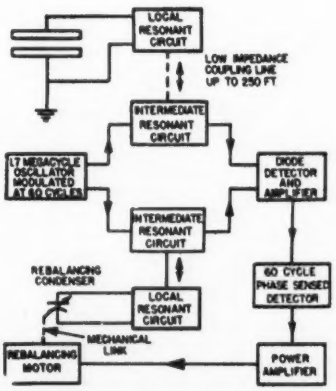



**Fig. 14-7. Foxboro "Capacity Dynalog" recorder which uses heterodyne principle.**

description of reluctance and magnetic paths.) For example, the *self-inductance* of the coils shown in Fig. 14-8 depends on the position of the iron core or movable armature, which changes the reluctance of the magnetic path. These devices are easily converted to more stable, more sensitive, and more linear push-pull operation, as in Fig. 14-9. These types sometimes are called inductance-ratio pickups; the *differential transformer* is used widely for many types of measurements. Pickups with such push-pull outputs can be used directly in bridges to give doubled output sensitivity.

Fig. 14-10 shows pickups (for detecting thickness of materials) which operate by change of mutual inductance —that is, the signal induced in one coil depends on the position of the nearby coil or armature.

The pickups shown in Figs. 8, 9, and 10 must be energized by an external source of alternating current; their output signal can have frequencies from d.c. up to a fraction (about one fourth) of the excitation frequency. In contrast, velocity-type pickups (Fig. 14-11) use a magnetic field in which the coil or armature moves. The output signal depends on the *rate* at which flux lines are cut; hence the pickup is sensitive to the velocity of the coil and not to the displacement, as in the other types illustrated. Familiar velocity-type inductive transducers are the permanent-magnet loudspeaker and the dynamic microphone.

Another reluctance pickup is the magnetic thickness gage, shown in Fig. 14-12. The thickness of the plate being measured determines the reluctance of the magnetic path and hence the flux density, which is indicated by the indicator.

Inductive pickups are used in series circuits or bridge circuits (Fig. 14-13). The series circuit is used in industrial applications because of its simplicity and low cost. However, it is less sensitive and less accurate than the bridge circuit. The phase-responsive bridge circuit is used commonly in instruments in which the unbalance signal (caused by motion of one core) is used to restore bridge balance by causing follow-up motion of the other core. The former core can be attached to floats in level detectors, bells of flow detectors, etc., as in Fig. 14-13. This bridge circuit is used also to transmit measurements over considerable distances.

Inductive pickups are extremely stable because of their low ohmic resistance. With bridge circuits they are accurate as well as stable.

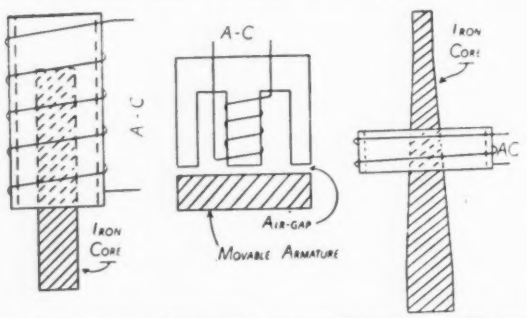



**Fig. 14-8. Inductive pickups which change self-inductance with change in core or armature position.**

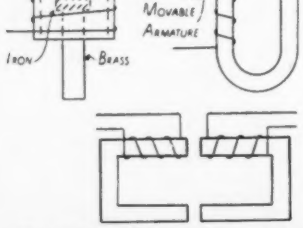



**Fig. 14-9. Inductive pickups for push-pull output; type on left is called the differential transformer.**

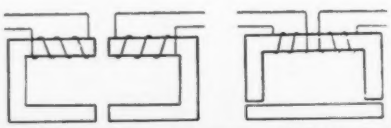


**Fig. 14-10. Inductive pickups which measure thickness of materials or displacement by change of mutual inductance.**

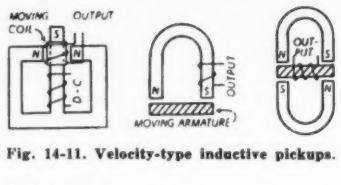



**Fig. 14-11. Velocity-type inductive pickups.**

**Fig. 14-12. Magnetic thickness gage. Arrow points to flux indicator.**

*Potential-type Pickups*

Ionization chambers, piezoelectric crystals, photoemissive tubes, photovoltaic cells, pH electrodes, and thermoelectric couples are potential-type pickups which develop an emf. proportional to the measurable. Pickups of this type are available for measurement of acceleration, displacement, light, pH, pressure, radiation, surface variation, temperature, vacuum, and vibration. Fig. 14-14 shows a photoemissive tube controlling edge position of a moving strip. When the edge moves laterally it changes the intensity of the light falling on the sensitive surface of the phototube, causing proportional changes in output voltage. Fig. 14-15 shows pH electrodes which develop an emf. proportional to the pH of the solution.

Resistive and inductive pickups are usually low-impedance devices; capacitive pickups are high-impedance devices; potential-type pickups can be high or low impedance—ionization chambers, piezoelectric crystals, photoelectric tubes, and pH electrodes are high-impedance pickups; thermocouples and photovoltaic cells have low impedance.

High-impedance pickups can produce only minute currents and thus require high amplification and good shielding. For example, the current output of pH electrodes and ionization chambers can be as low as $10^{-12}$ to $10^{-14}$ ampere. Carefully designed amplifiers and special electrometer tubes must be used with these pickups. (Electrometer tubes are described in Chapter 8.) In contrast, low-impedance pickups such as thermocouples can be applied directly to galvanometers or milliammeters and require much less amplification.

## Amplifiers

The signals from most of the pickups described require some amplification before they are big enough to operate

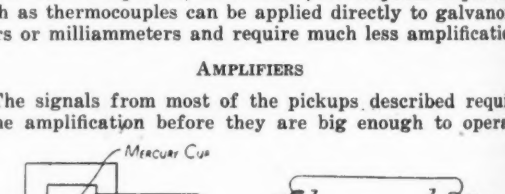
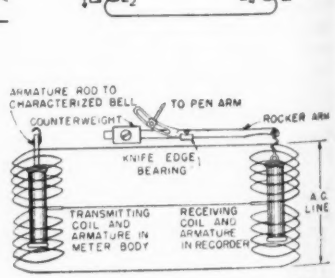



**Fig. 14-13. Basic circuits for use with inductive pickups. Left, series circuit in which reactance of meter winding depends on height of mercury; right, phase-sensitive bridge circuit; bottom, Brown inductance bridge for remote indication of flow.**



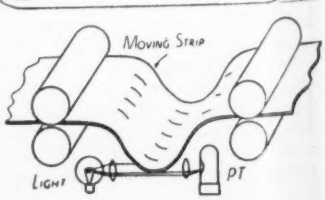




**Fig. 14-14. Photoemissive tube controlling edge position of a moving strip.**

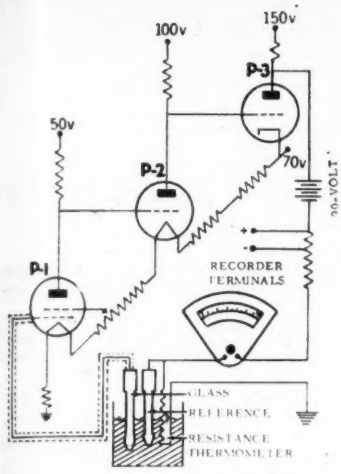



**Fig. 14-15. The Beckman miniature pH meter, showing sensitive glass electrode, reference electrode, and direct-coupled amplifier. The resistance thermometer is for automatic temperature compensation.**

indicators, recorders, or control motors. Amplifiers can be classed as a-c. or d-c. amplifiers, and as voltage or current amplifiers. (See Chapter 8 for amplifier factors.)

Most amplifiers have voltage-amplification stages followed by power amplifiers. The former boost the voltage of the signal; the later boost the current so that the signal can operate milliammeters or control motors. For example, in the circuit of Fig. 14-15, the first two tubes are voltage amplifiers and produce low current outputs; the final tube has low voltage gain but larger current output.

*A-c. amplifiers* are usually R-C-coupled amplifiers with negative feedback for stability. A wide variety of a-c. amplifiers are available for use with various pickups. Important amplifier characteristics are (1) gain, (a) frequency response, or bandwidth, (3) stability, and (4) noise level. An amplifier is always a compromise between the four characteristics. For example, gain can be increased only at the expense of stability; bandwidth can be increased only at the expense of noise level. (A-c. and d-c. amplifiers are described in Chapter 8.)

*D-c. amplifiers* are of two basic types—(1) direct coupled and (2) chopper, or breaker, type. Fig. 14-15 shows a direct-coupled amplifier. It is difficult to obtain stability in direct-coupled amplifiers with more than two or three stages; all of the various voltage references must be extremely stable.

Chopper-type amplifiers are d-c. amplifiers which overcome the stability problem of direct coupling by chopping the input d-c. signal into an a-c. signal, as shown in Fig. 14-16. The conversion usually is done by a mechanical solenoid-operated chopper, which is called a converter or breaker. The a-c. signal then is amplified in a stable high-gain R-C-coupled a-c. amplifier. An output breaker operating in synchronism with the input breaker can convert the a-c. signal back into a d-c. signal. Mechanical-type choppers usually operate between 400 and several thousand operations per second, producing a signal of the same frequency. Other types of converters are available for converting the d-c. signal into higher-frequency signals. Although the use of a chopper eliminates the stability problem of direct-coupled stages, the chopper introduces noise and increases the noise level of the amplifier.

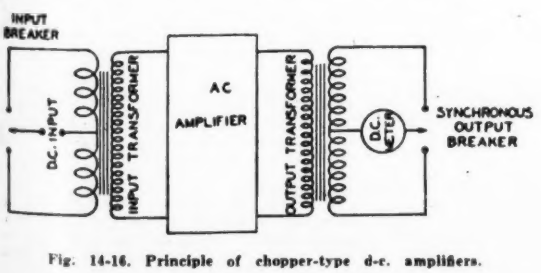



**Fig. 14-16. Principle of chopper-type d-c. amplifiers.**

*Bandwidth and Noise*

Many problems arise in the design of an amplifier which must amplify a signal of only a fraction of a microvolt or of a micromicroampere. The noise level of the amplifier must be reduced until the noise is smaller than the signal. The ultimate minimum noise level of an amplifier is the thermal agitation noise in its input circuit. As this thermal noise is uniformly distributed throughout the frequency spectrum, it is proportional to the bandwidth of the amplifier. Thus it is desirable to keep the bandwidth as low as possible. For this reason, some instruments use low-frequency chopping of the d-c. signal, even though amplification of the low-frequency signal requires bulkier amplifier components. Other methods for reducing noise include keeping the input impedance low and using non-microphonic components.

Low-frequency chopping is done in some infrared analyzers (Fig. 14-17), in which the infrared beam of light is chopped at a frequency of only 10 or 20 times per second before the beam is passed through the gases in the cells. Absorption of the beam by the gases or fluids is a measure of the composition of the sample. Note that two symmetrical paths are provided so that a stable bridge-type measurement is possible. In this technique the bandwidth of the amplifier can be made as small as a few cycles per second, thus reducing noise to an infinitesimal amount.

## Automatic Recorders

Perhaps the most familiar electronic circuit in industry is that in self-balancing bridge and potentiometer electronic recorders. These recorders are servo-operated devices in which a motor is driven by the unbalance signal to restore the circuit balance—that is, both are null-seeking devices. They are used with practically all of the pickups described. Bridge recorders are used with resistive, capacitive, or inductive pickups; potentiometer recorders are used with potential-type pickups.

*Bridge Recorders*

Fig. 14-18 shows the components of a bridge recorder. The primary element is any resistive pickup. The bridge is energized with a.c. from a transformer. Any change in resistance of the primary element unbalances the bridge, causing a 60-cycle signal to be delivered to the electronic amplifier. The output of the amplifier controls a balancing motor which rebalances the bridge by moving the slidewire contact and simultaneously moving the recording mechanism. Motors of low inertia are used so that full-scale deflection can be obtained in a fraction of a second.

The Bailey "Pyrotron," Brown "Electronik," Foxboro "Dynalog," Leeds & Northrup "Speedomax," and Weston "Model 67001" recorders all use the servo princple, with variations in technique. The Foxboro, for example, uses a bridge circuit with two resistors (one of which is the pickup) and two capacitors (as in Fig. 14-6). When the bridge is unbalanced by change in pickup resistance, balance is restored by changing the rebalancing capacitor. A balancing capacitor is used in order to eliminate the slidewire with its mechanical contact.

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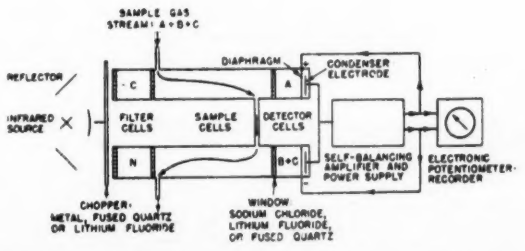


**Fig. 14-17. Infrared analyzer in which the infrared beam is chopped before passing through the sample and reference cells.**

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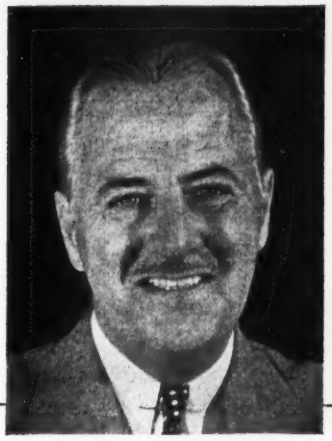

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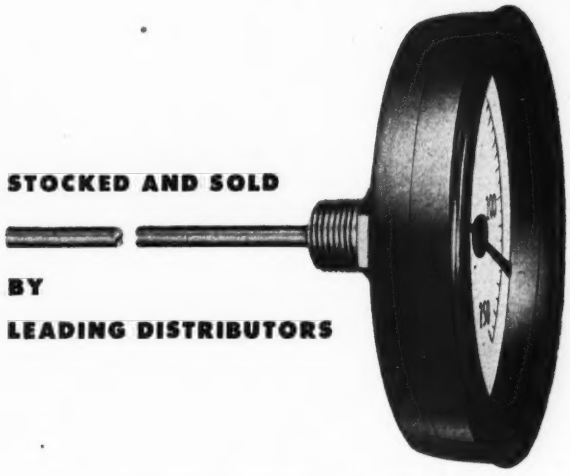

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## Report of N.L. Isenhour, Vice President

Mr. N. L. Isenhour, vice-president, Supervising Operating Division for 1952 reports on the following committees. The committees include: the Meetings Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Publications Committee.

**Meetings Committee**
*Chairman: E. J. Grace, Jr.*

This committee has been working very close with the Cleveland Section in preparation for the Seventh Annual Conference; also, some work has been done on the Chicago Conference in 1953.

A survey of the exhibitors indicated that it was desired by the majority that the 1957 show be held in New York City. The date for the show will be August 26 through 30, inclusive.

**Finance Committee**
*Chairman: J. T. Volbrecht*

The committee's report indicates that the society is continuing to operate on a sound financial basis. Several recommendations for increasing the society's income were included and they are as follows:

1. Special drive for corporate members.
2. Production of additional educational films.
3. Offer the proceedings for sale at the time of registration at the conference with the understanding that they be published at the earliest possible date.

**Publications Committee**
*Chairman: C. W. Covey*

The committee processed the following for publication:

1. Committee Report — "Industrial Training Course Outline".
2. Six Recommended Practices.
3. Four 1951 Conference Papers.
4. Thirty-six Conference Papers.

Also prepared a report setting forth responsibilities, duties, and policies of the Publications Committee. This report, upon approval of the executive board will be used as a guide by the committee in any of their future operations.

A complete set of instructions to authors for use in preparation of technical papers is being prepared and when approved by the executive board will be sent to each prospective conference speaker as a guide for preparing his paper for publication.

## Educational Courses Offered I.S.A. Members

In collaboration with the St. Louis Section, Washington University is repeating the course in Instrumentation and Control. Theory and application of measuring and controlling flow, liquid level, temperature, pressure, and other variables will be covered extensively.

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Again this year the Newark College of Engineering is offering evening courses in Individual Instrumentation. The Educational Committee of the New Jersey Section of I.S.A. has cooperated with Newark College in organizing these courses, which are offered as part of the Special Courses Program at the college.

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For those members of I.S.A. who may be interested in taking a special course in Instrumentation, the Metropolitan Section of A.S.M.E. is offering a course in Components and Techniques in Automatic Controls. This course includes a "down-to-earth" symposium stressing application, practical methods, and operational data on newest components of servomechanisms, closed-loop, and automatic control systems. Selection, application, pertinent characteristics, ranges of operation, accuracy and limitations.

### J. Riggs

Chicago Section announces with regret the sudden death of one of its members, J. Riggs. Mr. Riggs joined the Society in 1946, and was employed by General Meters and Controls, 205 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.


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November 25, "Measurement and Control of Pressure"

**ALBUQUERQUE**
J. F. Cox, 209 General Hodges Road, N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.
First Monday, Meeting at 8:00 P.M., Mitchell Hall, Univ. of New Mexico.

**ARUBA**
J. L. Lopez P. O. Box 203, c/o Lago Oil & Transport Co. Ltd., Aruba, N. W. I. Tel. 2087.
First Tuesday, 7:30 P. M., Engr's Club.

**ATLANTA**
M. Virgil Davis, 357 Sixth St., N.W. Atlanta, Ga. Tel. EM. 3042
Fourth Friday, Meeting 7:30 P.M., Electric Bldg., Georgia Power Co.

**BALTIMORE**
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Second Friday, Meeting at 8:00 P.M., Engr's Club of Baltimore.

**BATON ROUGE**
G. M. McCarroll, 1813 Edinburgh Ave., Baton Rouge 6, La.
Meeting monthly, L.S.U. Physics Bldg.

**BOSTON**
Robert V. Meyer, Box 111, S. Lincoln, Mass. Tel: Lincoln 6-0167 M
Fourth Wednesday, Dinner at 6:30 P. M., Meeting at 7:30 P. M., 99 Club, 99 State St.

**CALIFORNIA**
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First Monday, Dinner at 6:30 P. M., Meeting at 8:00 P.M. Maintenance and Operation of Graphic Panel Type Instrumentation Sessions November 10, 19 and December 15, 1952. Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company Auditorium, 122 S. Michigan Ave.

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## CUMBERLAND
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November 20, Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, Movie "Principles of Automatic Control".

## DENVER
Karl F. Kent, Jr., 5030 Umatilla, Denver 11, Colo. No regularly scheduled meetings. Univ. of Denver, Science Bldg.—Campus

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## EASTERN NEW YORK
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A. Costa, 714 East 17th St., Houston 8, Texas.
Last Monday, Meeting at 8:00 P.M., University of Houston Library Building.
Panel Discussion: "Explosion Proof Equipment in Industrial Instrumentation". Moderator W. H. Fortney, Humble Oil & Refining Company.

## KANSAS CITY
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December 15, "Students' Nite". Program Chairman, J. Irwin, Long Island Agricultural & Technical Institute.

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Monday, November 10, Luccas Restaurant, 560 Pacific Ave., San Francisco. "Principles and Practice of Electrical Indicating Instruments". Speaker: Henry Berring, Education Director, Western Electrical Instrument Corporation.

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Registration will start at 8:45 A.M. and the program at 9:25 A.M. The afternoon program will get under way at 2 P.M. and will be followed by a social hour at 4:45 P.M. Election of officers will precede the evening program at 8 P.M.

# Measurements in Tractor Design and Development

By R. P. WEHRLE*

THE refinement of design found in the modern tractor has come as the result of many things, consideration of which is not the function of this paper, except for the part played by instrumentation. Although it may not be generally recognized, it is fair to say that without instruments and associated measuring equipment, we could not have such a highly developed product today. Of course, this applies to other products as well.

As Lord Kelvin said the statement that not until you could measure a thing were you able to tell anything about it. Measurements are fundamental to the design and development of a product. They are obtained in the course of test, they allow conclusions to be drawn, and are the basis of further work.

Like many large organizations, International Harvester is divisionalized—that is, made up of separate units, each covering its own product, such as tractors, trucks, implements, refrigerators, and so on. The work in this paper covers that of one of these divisions known as the Farm Tractor Division. This unit is responsible for the design, fabrication, and test development of all farm type tractors. The crawler type come under another division, as do the trucks and other products.

Our instrument section operates under the Plant Engineer of the Farm Tractor Engineering Department. There it can offer its services not only to the test laboratories, but also to advanced engineering and design. To fully understand the merits of measurement in tractor engineering, its place in planning, prior to testing, must be considered. Many special and unusual applications of instruments are employed, particularly in dynamic measurements—a phase that can not be over emphasized.

### Planning New Tractor Design

To start a new tractor model, a planning committee made up of representatives from sales, manufacturing, and engineering meet. Specifications of the new tractor are determined. Here previous measurements play an important part in background knowledge. It is always easier to specify new designs if complete technical data is available on present production models.

It may be interesting to some of you to know of a rather unique situation facing all tractor manufacturers, something that is not found in other industries; that is the so-called Nebraska test. This is a laboratory-field test procedure required to be run on a standard production tractor at the University of Nebraska on each different model produced by the company and to be sold in the State of Nebraska.

While this is not a requirement in any other state, the published results are used in competitive sales work over the world. These tractors are not required to meet any particular specifications set up by the State of Nebraska, but the test results and the advertising literature on the product must be in agreement. Thus the tractor manufacturer is prompted to strive for the best performance within the possibilities of reasonable production and customer service.

After the Committee has decided upon specifications, design engineering develops them on paper. Wood and plastic models are made for styling and fit. Portions of the complete design may be tried out. Various ideas that might have merit are put on paper. At any point the Instrument Department may be consulted on possible methods for tests to be made on the forthcoming machine.

### Working Models Produced for Tests

Job lists and blueprints are turned over to the shops for fabrication, where working models are produced. Wood pattern, sheet metal, welding, machining, heat treat, inspection, and assembly shops are included. A materials testing laboratory checks on possible new materials and new uses for old materials. The tractor is the farmer's power plant called upon for many types of work. Therefore, the needed testing facilities are many. The basis of every test stand is the instrumentation and the measurements derived therefrom.

In addition to an engine laboratory, accessory and hydraulic laboratories are also at the disposal of the testing section. Endurance test laboratories provide automatic control and cycling of parts and machines. An extensive field test program is also maintained both at our experimental farm at Hinsdale, Illinois, at Phoenix, Arizona, and on privately owned farms to obtain user reaction, as well as results under various farming conditions.

Perhaps the heart of test work on engine powered machines is the engine laboratory. It has as its central piece of equipment the dynamometer. Most other measurements stem from, or run parallel to, this work. To measure horsepower, a scale for torque, tachometer, and counters for shaft speed are provided. Fuel consumption is measured with trip scales and rotameters, depending upon the fuel used. Temperature measurements are made with electronic potentiometers and thermocouples (see Fig. 1).

The recent arrival on the market of electronic counters with associated

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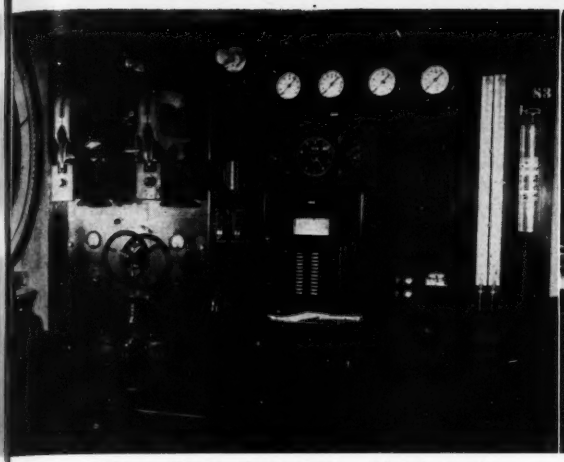

Fig. 1. Engine Dynamometer Control Panel.

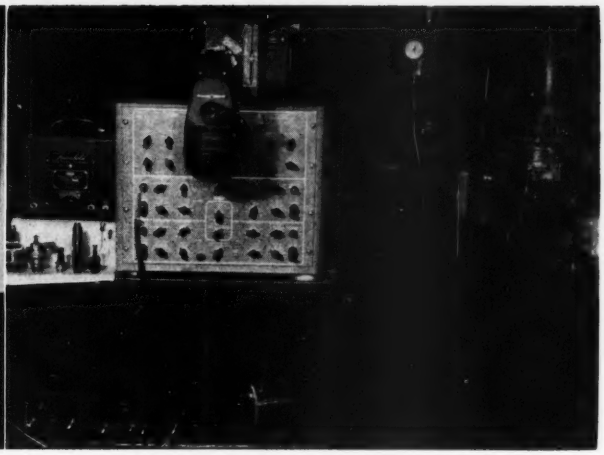

Fig. 2. Dual Beam Oscilloscope and Camera.

gating circuits offers new accuracies. Rotameters for fuel measurements operate well in conjunction with these electronic counters since both provide instantaneous indications, often important. Due to pulsating flow and gravity feed to carburetors, some work was necessary with dynamic pressure measurements in order to obtain satisfactory results with flow meters. Carburetor development is carried out on a flow bench with the aid of flow meters, and burettes.

### Use of Oscilloscope in Engine Testing

This basic dynamometer equipment is in constant use for engine testing. As you see, it consists almost entirely of instruments. However, even more useful information can be obtained from dynamic measurements with special instrumentation. To do this, first a basic system of oscillography was needed. A cathode-ray oscilloscope and camera system provides the most versatile piece of equipment. Fig. 2 shows the dual beam oscilloscope and camera in use on an engine.

With this equipment it is possible to take still pictures employing the time base of the oscilloscope, or continuous film graphs employing the film movement as the time axis. Thus any phenomena which can be transduced to an electrical voltage can be recorded. The excellent frequency response of the cathode-ray tube and associated circuits make it ideally suited for dynamic measurements. In addition complete film processing equipment was necessary. Sufficient use of this equipment demanded a separate dark room as part of the instrument facilities.

The application of this oscillograph equipment to measurements in the engine requires electrical transducers and methods of calibration (see Fig. 3). In engine measurements one of the most common dynamic measurements required are pressure-time graphs of the pressures in the combustion chamber. With the cathode-ray oscillographic equipment as a basis, a flat diaphragm type of pressure pickup is used.

Dynamic measurements required for engine study often call for linear displacement. This can be accomplished with the same basic oscillographic equipment. For slow displacement rates, linear potentiometers can be used. At higher rates coils with movable cores are employed. These will indicate valve movement, shaft whip, diaphragm pump movements, and the like. Some of the variable inductance pickups can be operated in oil or water, allowing even greater versatility.

Angular displacement has long been of interest. Torsional vibration and torque are both measured, without the aid of a seismic mass, employing the same basic oscillographic equipment.

Many problems of stress and strain are encountered. For measurements on engines, resistance wire strain gages are employed.

### Hydraulic Test Stand

The hydraulic laboratory contains facilities for tests, hydraulic lifts being used quite extensively now for operating farm implements. A typical test stand of this nature employs a motor-driven pump and a remote hydraulic cylinder. The cylinder is rigged to raise an arm carrying dead weight. Fig. 4 illustrates a hydraulic test stand of this nature. Note the air cylinder employed to robot-operate the hydraulic control.

Automatic cycling with an electric timer and control valve is obtained in

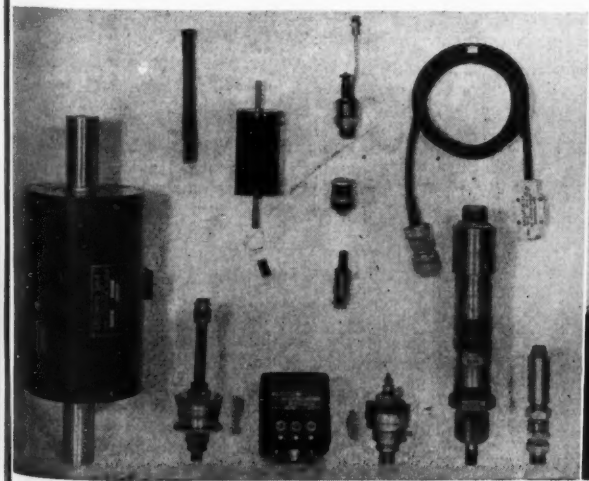

Fig 3. Various Types of Transducers.

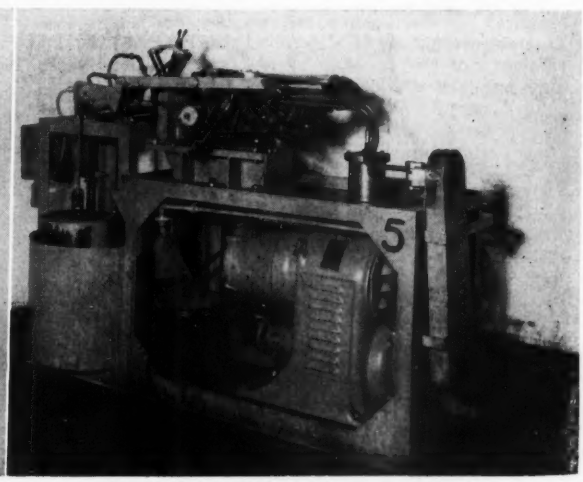

Fig. 4. Development Hydraulic Test Stand

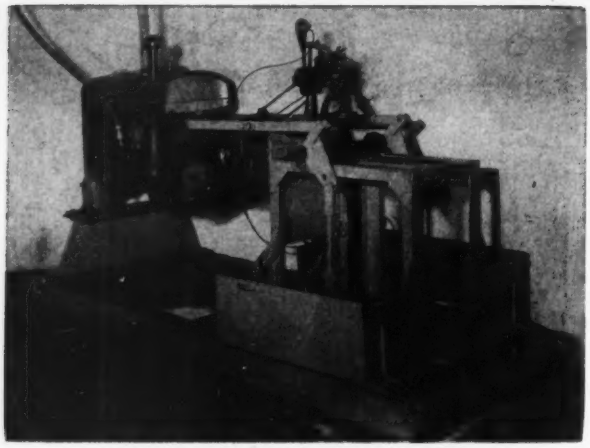

**Fig. 5. Endurance Hydraulic Test Stand.**

this manner. Other hydraulic tests are made with the entire tractor and engine and a remote cylinder. Endurance tests are made with standard tractor engines to provide the pump power (see Fig. 5). Again the hydraulic lift cylinders are used for loads, and air cylinders for automatic cycling. An electric dynamometer pump test stand is used to check pump delivery. Here oil rotameters designed to cover specific oil grades and temperatures have proved very satisfactory.

For routine pressure measurements, standard hydraulic pressure gages with slotted links are employed. Strain gage pressure cells and the cathode-ray oscillographic equipment supply dynamic pressure information. Continuous film recording has been especially advantageous for phenomena of this nature since it is not repititious

Measurements of force in connection with hydraulic lifts is of great necessity. A strain gage load cell and the standard strain gage indicator give excellent results. The output of the indicator can be fed to the cathode-ray oscillographic equipment for dynamic measurements.

### Tests in Other Departments

The mechanical laboratory tests accessories of the tractor and engine. Tractor cooling tests determine the efficiency of the radiator on the engine and the maximum ambient air temperature at which the tractor will operate. In measuring engine cooling water flows without changing the length of the flow path, a close connected sharp edged orifice has been used quite successfully.

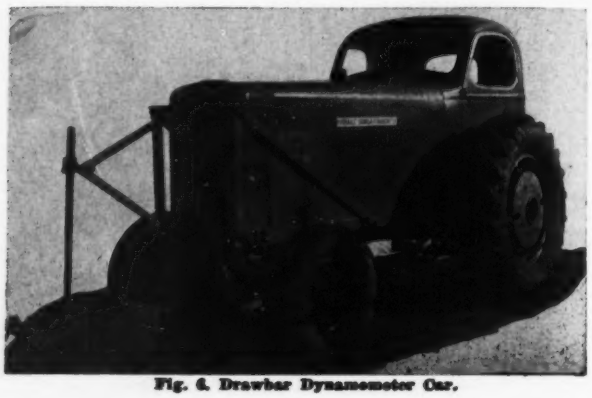

**Fig. 6. Drawbar Dynamometer Car.**

Our Magneto Department, so-called, really covers the testing of both magneto and battery ignition systems, with the various associated units, coils, batteries, switches, spark plugs, relays, magnetos, generators, distributors, as well as starting motors. Many standard and special instruments are used here, with the string and cathode-ray oscilloscopes playing a prominent part.

In field testing, the most prominent unit is the drawbar dynamometer with its instrument control car. Fig. 6 shows a view of the equipment used. The load cell is a rubber diaphragm type transmitting pressure, corresponding to drawbar pull, to a recording pressure gauge, in a closed system. The car uses a truck cab mounted on a tractor chassis.

The engine has been replaced by a water dynamometer operating on a closed system, with the radiator cooling it. Drawbar load on the test tractor is obtained through the drive wheels and transmission to the water brake. Solenoid valves provide load variation. Fig. 7 shows the instrumentation in the cab. Experiments have been made with a strain gage drawbar load pickup with promising success.

Up to this point a rather general description has been given of the test equipment for tractor testing. Should the reader have any questions regarding this work, the author will be glad to try to answer them by correspondence. However, a few specific subjects or applications which offered some problems have been selected for discussion and may be of help to some readers.

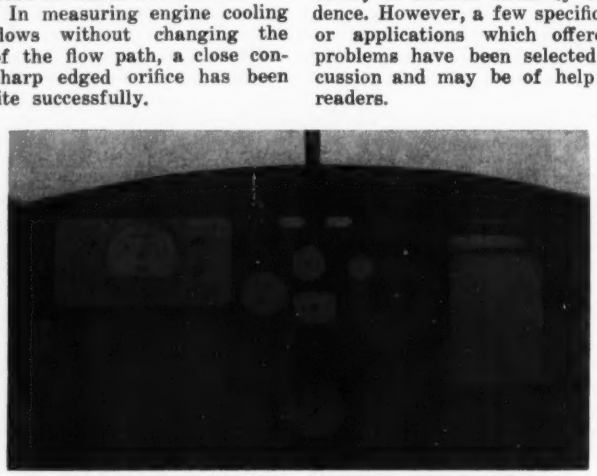

**Fig. 7. Instrument Panel of Drawbar Dynamoter Car.**

### Oscillographic Equipment

Throughout this paper, reference is made to oscillographic equipment for dynamic measurements. This equipment provides graphs of various functions with respect to time. As mentioned, a dual beam cathode-ray oscilloscope is the heart of this equipment. A camera made especially for recording oscilloscope curves provides a permanent record.

This type of equipment was selected for its versatility, frequency response, simplicity and ruggedness. It is versatile in that any mechanical phenomena that can be transduced to an emf can be recorded. Its wide frequency response supplements its aptness to all phenomena of low or high repetition rates.

Here it is well to note that although a function may occur once per engine revolution—say, 1200 times a minute or 20 cps—the maximum frequency response of the recording system may have to be much higher because of the steepness of the wave fronts encountered. Usually for practical analysis the rate of rise or decline of the wave fronts gives a reasonably accurate indication of the maximum frequencies contained in the wave.

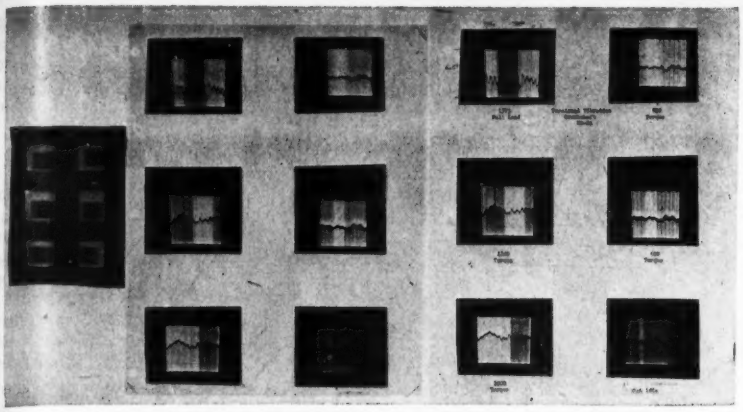

**Fig. 8. Oscillogram Reproduction: Left to Right, 35 mm Negative, 8 by 10 Enlarged Negative, and 8 by 10 Whiteprint Transparency.**

Some of the requirements of an oscilloscope for use in mechanical measurements are low sweep frequencies, 1 to 30,000 cps; single sweep features; intensity modulation; acceleration voltage of at least 3000 volts; and low as well as high amplifier frequency response, 0 to 200,000 cps. Indentical horizontal and vertical amplifiers and access to the deflection plates are also desirable. Of course, it must have the general qualities of good electronic equipment as to stable design, rugged construction, and capability of operation above normal room temperatures.

### Recording Camera

The recording camera takes still or continuous film pictures. A film size of 35 mm is very practical. Standard spools and film speeds are used. Either Eastman Super XX, Linograph pan, or equivalent, is very suitable. Oscillograms of repetitious functions are made with the sweep circuit of the oscilliscope as a time base. The shutter speed must be at least as long as the time of one cycle.

If the phenomena is not repetitious, continuous film recordings are made. In this case the film provides the time base. Film speeds depend on details required and total time involved. The camera used for the work in this paper has a + f 1.5 lens and film movement speeds from one inch per minute to 60 inches per second.

To make full use of this oscillographic equipment a film editor and splicer are used. Film projection may be employed for analysis. The final sections of the film are spliced into 4 by 5 inch negatives (see Fig. 8). As necessary, these are enlarged by the photographic department to 8 by 10 negatives. These 8 by 10 negatives are run through a whiteprint machine to make transparencies.

These transparencies have the titling and calibration or other information added to them. Then by again running them through the whiteprint machine, as many prints as is required can be made. This is particularly useful in an organization where reports are given wide circulation. Also they are very convenient for compiling the information in a condensed form for future reference. Contact prints from the 35 mm negatives and reproductions can be made by the same process, if desired.

**Fig. 9. Hydraulic Cylinder with Displacement Pickup, Linear Potentiometer.**

**Fig. 10. Curve of Hydraulic Cylinder Stroke vs Time. Timing Wave 20 cps. Upper trace, 2½-inch piston with an 8-inch stroke; Lower trace, 3¼-inch piston with an 8-inch stroke.**

### Use of Oscilloscope

An application of this dynamic equipment to measurements of a mechanical nature is given in the following case. Instantaneous flow records of the oil operating a hydraulic lift cylinder were desired. This information would indicate the maximum demand of the lift on the pump. It was decided that it could most easily be accomplished by a displacement-time curve of the piston movement. Knowing the cylinder cross-sectional area, volume versus time could be obtained from the curve and differential

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of the latter curve would be the instantaneous flow at time t.

To obtain the desired curve, a linear potentiometer was mounted on the cylinder (see Fig. 9). Thus a resistance value proportional to cylinder position was obtained. A fixed battery voltage was applied across the total potentiometer. Then the voltage from the movable tap to one side of the resistor indicates cylinder position. Since the total time for a full cycle was known to be several seconds, this voltage is applied to the horizontal deflection plates and a continuous film recording was made.

A timing wave was added to accurately mark the film speed. Fig. 10 shows a typical section of oscillogram. The rise time, slope, piston velocity, and peak pump delivery rates can be calculated from the curve. This information is most easily secured by graphical methods. Smoothness of operation can be seen from the curve. Such a record provides permanent data which can be used for future model specifications.

### Pressure Measurement with Transducer

Measurements involving pressure are common in tractor engineering. For this purpose a pressure transducer of the flat diaphragm type is employed. Diaphragm deflection causes a change in capacity which modulates a 100,000 cps carrier. The modulated wave is rectified and fed directly to the oscilloscope.

The transducer in this case has an excellent frequency response since the resonant frequency of the diaphragm is relatively high. The diaphragms are changeable to various thicknesses to allow operation of the same pickup over a wide range of pressures. Calibration of the pressure axis can be obtained by static methods since the carrier affords a zero frequency response.

For many uses a balanced pressure pickup supplies an absolute calibration. The two pickups can be used in

a Y-fitting at the point of pressure sampling. The signal from this pickup intensely modulates the cathode-ray beam to indicate when the pressure exceeds the known backing pressure on the balanced pressure pickup.

A common application of this pickup is for engine indicator cards. In order to calibrate the time axis and relate it to top-dead-center on the engine, markers are incorporated. The five degree markers are generated from a 72-tooth gear and a magnetic pickup. Top-dead-center and synchronizing pulses are obtained in a similar manner. Pulse shaper and mixer circuits combine the outputs for presentation on the oscilloscope.

Fig. 11 shows a typical pressure-time curve of the main chamber of a diesel engine. On the other beam a similar pressure pickup indicates the pressure-time curve at the injector nozzle. Thus close pressures at the two points can be shown simultaneously and recorded superimposed or not, as desired.

In Fig. 12 another example of a pressure-time curve is recorded. Here the pressures in the primary pump are compared to the pressures in the distributor block. The curve depicts the pressure during the charging time of one cylinder. On a six cylinder, four cycle engine, three such curves exist per crankshaft revolution.

### Other Uses of Oscilloscope

Another instance of pressure-time oscillography is shown in Fig. 13. This is two parts of an oscillogram of an engine starting test. Here a continuous film of an engine indicator card is photographed. The engine is motored and the throttle opened. Actual pressure-time curves are taken of each revolution. Each miss is recorded; the gradual ignition advance and engine acceleration is also indicated. Thus a record of the cold starting action of the engine system is obtained.

An example of a linear displacement measurement is shown in Fig. 14. The pickup consists of a coil mounted at the end of a rod. Metal movement at its tip will cause a change in inductance. A 50 kc carrier is modulated, rectified, and presented to the oscilloscope. The oscillogram is taken from a gear driving the hydraulic pump shaft.

The large continuous ripple is due to the gear being slightly off-center. The sharp peaks are the teeth as they pass the pickup. The narrow slot in the curve is caused by a tooth that was cut 0.005 inches lower than the adjacent teeth. This serves as a calibration mark.

The upper curve shows the deflection when the pump is loaded as indicated by the general depression of the curve. The lower curve shows the deflection upon stopping the shaft. The individual teeth are clearly visable as they pass. The tooth outline is not true to shape but the total deflection of the shaft and gear is accurate from the general level of the curve.

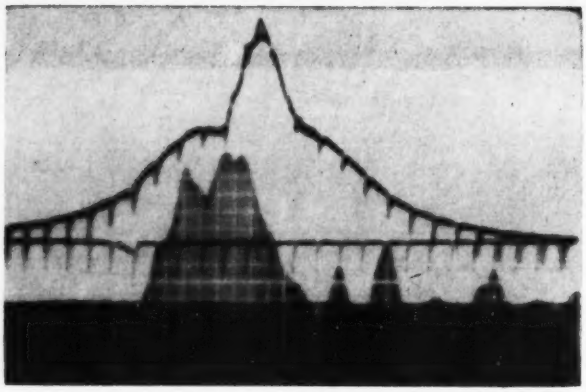

**Fig. 11. Diesel Engine Pressure Time Card. Upper curve main chamber, lower injection pump line.**

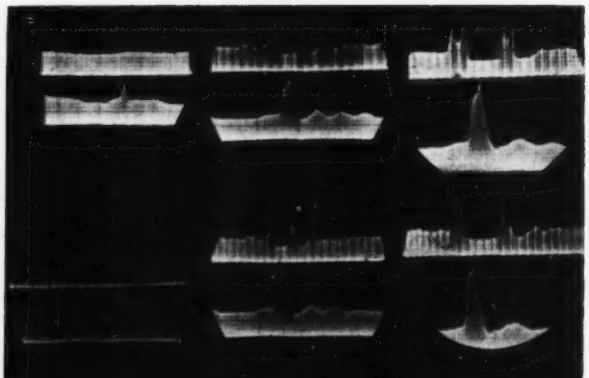

**Fig. 12. Series of Injection Pump Pressure Diagrams.**

**Fig. 13. Engine Starting Test — Two sections**

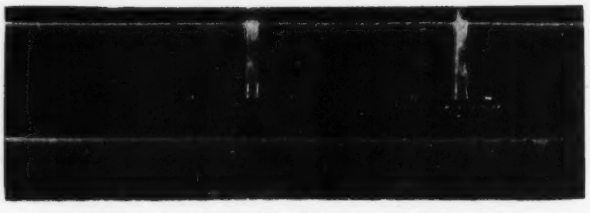

**Fig. 14. Gear Deflection Diagram — Two sections.**

# Research vs Industrial Instrumentation

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It would be foolish for any one person to attempt, from personal experience, to make a complete comparison between the fields of research instrumentation and industrial instrumentation. Few men are familiar with all the components that go to make up either bracket. Since the majority of instrument men are familiar with the industrial branch, this picture will be presented from the research angle, using the differences and similarities that occur between a physiological research laboratory and industrial instrumentation in general. A physiological research laboratory deals with the animal servomechanism and why it works as well as how it reacts to various normal and abnormal stresses such as heat, cold, light, radiation and fatigue.

## Differences and Similarities

It may be thought that such a comparison is not legitimate; but all research follows the same general lines and deals with the various natural phenomena and their whys. This requires an enormous number of measurements, carried on until a picture emerges; then an infinitude of measurements to confirm the picture. In industry the value to be desired is generally known and the instrument man is concerned with ways to make the process conform.

Even this basic difference is not absolute, for often the industrial instrument man is satisfied to make measurements, leaving it to some other department to utilize the values obtained. In contrast the research instrument man must control the conditions under which his measurements are made.

In the Army Medical Service Field Research Laboratory at Fort Knox the same fields of instrumentation are to be met that may occur in industry. Body temperatures must be taken, blood pressures must be determined, the rates of flow measured. Energy measurements are made in determining metabolic rates. Mechanical measurements must be made in determining body motion. Gas analyses must be made on inhaled and exhaled air.

Sometimes these measurements are made by the batch method and sometimes they are continuous. Figure 1 is a picture of the panel used in the cold environment research studies at the Laboratory at Fort Knox. On this panel are instruments for measuring temperature, pressure, flow, energy, displacement, and gas analysis. Most of the instruments are readily identifiable by industrial instrument men and will be referred to in more detail later.

## Temperature Measurements

Probably the most frequent measurement to be made in the laboratory is one of temperature. The chemistry sections deal mostly with batch operations and, as such, use the common glass thermometer in all its various forms, including the mercury regulator for bath temperature control. Since chemistry laboratories are so very similar nothing more need be said about this field.

The mercury-bulb recorder is used in the haemotology and central nervous system sections for recording environmental temperatures. In these laboratories records must be kept 24 hours a day and seven days a week. In the haemotology lab the temperature range is from minus 40° F to plus 120° F, and in the central nervous system lab the range is from minus 22° F to plus 122° F. The mercury-bulb recorder was selected for these laboratories since the temperature limits were the critical values rather than instantaneous values and this type of recorder will give temperature limits even in case of chart drive power failure.

Where more accurate measurements are necessary and time of measurement must be closely known, thermocouples are used. Since the temperature range lies between minus 70° F and plus 150° F, copper-constantan couples are the most suitable and are used throughout the laboratory. It is at this point that the idiosyncrasies of physiological research appear. In this temperature range the ordinary problem of a protective-well is missing, but another protective problem comes to the fore. How can a couple be protected that is attached to the under side of the great toe of a walking man and still indicate the correct tempeature of the skin at that point?

Fig. 1 Cold Room Instrument Panel

In order to determine true surface temperatures without inhibiting heat radiation or absorption, the couple must be used without any protection and must have a minimum of mass to follow rapid changes of temperature. This imposes a serious limitation on the size of the couple. At the same time the test-subject must have complete freedom of movement. To meet these conditions a wire composed of seven strands of No. 36 gauge wire is used for the couples and harness; seven strands of No. 28 gauge wire, for flexible extension leads; and solid No. 20 gauge for fixed extensions.

As may be expected, there is a high mortality of such couples. Because of the fineness of the strands, the individual conductors break quite easily, necessitating a solid insulation to hold the broken ends in and not allow shorting of the couple. This brings up another problem at low temperatures—maintaining flexibility at minus 70° F. Rubber becomes quite brittle at this temperature, and the other ordinary solid insulators are far too stiff.

As a compromise three mills of nylon are used on each conductor, with two mills over-all on the pair. This gives a small wire with a fair degree of flexibility but causes a high breakage of individual strands.

## Connection of Couples to Instrument

Another problem to be met in the use of thermocouples at these temperatures is the connection between the couple and the measuring instrument. This, at first glance, may seem a simple problem, but when all angles are considered it becomes quite complicated. First, to maintain accuracy, the measuring instrument cannot be used in the cold room, necessitating bringing the leads out of the room. Second, the leads must be able to be quickly connected and disconnected.

It is as important to know the rate of cooling as it is to know the temperature under static conditions, and occasionally it is necessary to bring a man out in a hurry when some part

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of his protection fails. The solution is, of course, some type of a connector—one designed for thermocouples, but this in itself is a problem. A man may have as many as 16 couples attached to the various parts of his body. All the commercially available multiple connectors had two drawbacks: weight and lack of ease of operation.

Since as mentioned before, there is such a high mortality of thermocouples, they have leads just long enough to be brought out of the clothing at some convenient point, usually the neck. From here, heavier flexible leads run to a connector panel on the wall and solid leads are carried out to the recorder. Such an arrangement necessitates connectors at the man, which means that they can not be too heavy and, at the same time, they must be simple and easy to operate. The observers will often have on as many as three pairs of gloves, and cannot perform delicate manipulations.

A simple eight-contact electronic type connector is used with no fastening other than the contact pressure. The manufacturer supplies these with Advance Metal contacts replacing the regular contacts in the odd numbered positions. This arrangement is quite satisfactory, producing a thermal emf of only three microvolts with a temperature difference of 100° C across the two halves of the connector. The standard connector produces about 150 microvolts under the same conditions.

### Thermocouple Terminal Panel And Recorders

The wall panel introduces a problem of its own. As long as the room is cold, no trouble is encountered, but after about ten days of operation the room must be defrosted and then the trouble begins—condensation. The wall terminal panel was finally enclosed in a box (Fig. 2) with a gasketed door and the fixed-lead conduit brought into the box. Within the box, behind the connection panel, is located a 200-watt heater with two thermostats, one set at 70° F to limit the temperature and the other, reverse acting, set at 25° F to cut the heater out when the room is in operation and the door is open. The conduit must be filled with wax where it runs through the room wall to prevent condensation within the conduit from the outside air.

The measuring instruments used are three commercial recording potentiometers—two with a range of from minus 60° C to plus 40° C and one, from minus 10° C to plus 40° C, all multi-point instruments. The instrument with the 50° C span is a 16-point, high speed recorder with an accuracy of 0.2° C and is used for most of the skin temperature recordings. One of the others is a slow-speed 12-point recorder with an accuracy of 0.25° C for measuring ambient temperatures.

The third instrument is a flight-test recorder with a total of 144 points, and is used when a large number of temperatures are to be taken. In order to have a basis for comparison, a second room is used that is maintained at 72° F. In this room is located a terminal panel similar to that in the cold room. Both the 12- and 16-point instruments are terminated on both panels with the flight test recorder being divided one-half to each panel, giving 100 points available at each panel.

For high accuracy measurements of individual temperatures throughout the entire laboratory, L & N Type K potentiometers are used, but the recording potentiometer has been found accurate enough for almost all work. As temperature standards, two Bureau of Standards calibrated platinum resistance thermometers and a Mueller Bridge are used. These are used only for the calibration of individual thermocouples for special measurements, the wire as supplied being accurate enough for ordinary work.

### Pressure Measurements

One of the instruments always associated with the medical profession by the layman is the sphygmomanometer, for measuring blood pressure. However, for research purposes the sphygmomanometer does not tell enough and is not sufficiently accurate. Actual pressures must be taken in various blood vessels, not only of the average pressure, but also of instantaneous pressure changes throughout the heart-beat cycle.

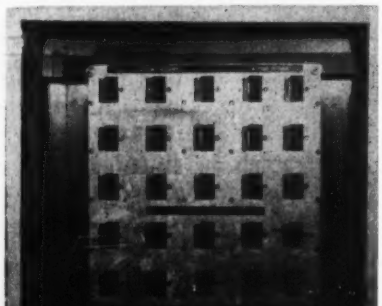

**Fig. 2 Cold Room Thermocouple Terminal Panel**

The average heart rate is around 72 per minute, but there are components within the cycle up to 100 cps so that it is readily apparent that the ordinary methods of pressure measurement will not suffice. Several methods have been developed each with its own advantages and disadvantages. Two of these are of interest to the industrial instrument man, one because it is familiar and the other because it is unique.

The first is the strain gauge manometer and is almost identical with the unit used for pressure measurements by the automotive laboratories. Because of the comparatively low pressures, 0-10 psi involved, its sensitivity is poor and its stability leaves much to be desired, but is by far the simplest to use. The pressure unit terminates in a No. 20 or No. 21 hypodermic needle that is inserted in a blood vessel against the blood flow and can be used with very little physical discomfort.

### Gregg Manometer

The other blood pressure instrument is the *Gregg manometer* (Fig. 3) and is unique in that it is not electrical. A rubber or mica membrane is fastened across the end of the barrel. The barrel has a 0.125-inch hole through it, giving a pressure area of about 0.0044 square in. A very small mirror is cemented, off-center, to the membrane.

The mirror reflects a light beam onto a recording camera, so that it is possible, by changing the mirror to camera distance, to adjust the amplitude of the record to the particular experiment. Lead tubing is used for connection between the blood vessel and the manometer to limit, as much as possible, the elasticity of the system to the membrane. The system is filled with a sterile saline solution and has all bubbles very carefully excluded to improve the high frequency response.

At first thought it would seem that a larger diaphragm, with greater sensitivity, would be desirable, as it would, but it would introduce a difficulty that far outweighs the gain. It goes without saying that the smaller the diaphragm, the smaller the flow of fluid with a change of pressure. By holding the flow of blood into and out of the pressure-pick-up needle to a minimum, the possibility of the bloodclotting in the small bore of the needle is held to a minimum.

### Other Pressure Gauge Applications

The ordinary Bourdon pressure gauge may be found in use in the laboratory also; as a receiver for a remote control valve, although the valve bears little resemblance to any type of industrial valve. In studying the heat loss of a hand or foot or arm or leg it is necessary to know, among other things, the amount of heat being supplied by the blood. The easiest way to determine this is to stop the blood flow to and from the member by a tourniquet.

Since the member is usually enclosed in several layers of clothing, some of which are quite heavy, a tourniquet similar to that used in the sphygmomanometer is applied, but instead of using a small hand bulb to pump in the air, pressure is applied from the laboratory air system. A receiver gauge is used to show the pressure in the cuff, operated by a separate line from that used to supply the air to the cuff.

A rather unique application of an aneroid type gauge was worked out by a physicist in the cold room section of the laboratory. In order to determine metabolic rates from exchange of respiratory gases the test subjects in the cold room breathe into large air-tight bags (Douglas bags). When the bags are full, the expired air they contain is transferred by valves to a

pumping system and pumped through gas analyzers and gas meters.

In order to check for leaks in the system, periodically the outlet from the meters is connected to the intake system and the pump started. An aneroid gauge with a range of 250 mm of water, is arranged in the connecting line and any leak in the system will show as a change in pressure on the gauge; an increase in pressure showing a leak on the intake side of the pump, and a decrease in pressure indicating a leak on the outlet side of the pump. For small leaks the rate of change of the pressure is an indication of the magnitude of the leak.

### Flow Measurement

The question of fluid and gas flow must be met in physiological research just as they must be met in industry, and much the same type of equipment is used. In measuring the sweat rate of a man, dry-air is circulated over the nude man, or over a portion of the skin area. The moisture content of the air is then determined and the volume of air is determined by integrating the rate of flow as measured by an orifice flow meter. Actually the flow is held as constant as possible by maintaining the pressure drop across the orifice plate constant. This is comparatively easy to do by using a closed system and drying the air by calcium chloride.

The rotameter is also used for measuring flow rates, both indicating and recording. Commercial rotameters are used together with a differential pressure regulator to get the very low flows required by the gas analyzers. The recording manometer, however, is special, having been developed by Shipley of the Lilly laboratories to measure blood flow in the coronary vessels of the dog.

Fig. 4 is a sketch of the manometer together with a typical calibration curve. The body of the rotameter is made of acrylic plastic and can be taken apart for cleaning and sterilizing. The float is of the disc type which cuts the viscosity error to a minimum. A rod extends up from the float and carries a slug of iron. The coil is taper wound so that the position of the slug determines the inductance of the coil.

The coil forms one arm of an A-C bridge that is in balance at "no flow" through the rotameter. As blood flows through the rotameter the bridge is unbalanced, according to the rate of flow. The unbalanced current is rectified and fed to an optical galvanometer and recorded on the same camera as the pressures from the Gregg manometer. A typical setup is shown in Fig. 5.

Mention should be made of an air flow instrumentation problem that is not in use as yet but will be very shortly. In studying the heat loss of a man it is necessary to know the loss contributed by air movement within the clothing or at a particular spot on the skin surface. The Hastings Instrument Company is developing a modification of their precision thermocouple anemometer for this particular application. The pick-up unit has a diameter of ¼ inch and provides not only air flow data but skin and ambient temperatures as well.

### Energy Measurements

If there is any one field where the research laboratory utilizes a wider range of instruments than industry, it is that of energy measurements and the physiological research lab is no exception. Even that commonest of industrial energy instruments, the "house electric meter" or integrating watt-hour meter is used in the psychology laboratory although not as an energy meter, but as an integrator for deviation measurements in certain tracking experiments.

Of course the most important energy measurement is that of metabolic rate. Metabolic rate measurements are to the human body what efficiency determinations are to a power plant. It is easy to calculate that so many pounds of coal of such and such a Btu value produced so many kilowatts of power. So may a person be fed so many grams of food containing a given number of calories of energy and perform so many centimeter-grams of work.

But what of the Btu that didn't appear as energy equivalent and what of the calories that didn't appear as work performed? Just as flue-gas analyses are made on the boiler so must exhaled air be analyzed for oxygen and $CO_2$ content. And as the auxiliary equipment power consumption must be known in a power plant so must the energy used to maintain body temperature be known as well as that for the various body functions.

No one instrument measures all these values in a power plant nor can any one instrument do it for the human body. The various means of measurement have been taken up or will be taken up under their proper classification.

### Use of Radiation Pyrometer

However energy measurements are made, as such, in a physiological laboratory, some are of a minuteness as to seem non-existant to the industrial instrument man. The radiation pyrometer is used industrially to determine temperatures not practically determinable by other means. So may it be used to measure skin temperature in man. It must be remembered, however, that the radiometer measures the instantaneous rate at which it receives energy so that by integrating the output of the instrument over a period of time the energy loss, through radiation, of the area under consideration may be determined. Under clothing the loss is quite low but for exposed skin it is quite appreciable, and in hot climates, very important.

The fact that the body is receiving radiation as well as emitting it, must also be borne in mind. Practically everyone, at some time in his life, has been sunburned. Some burn quite easily, while others burn but very little. Just what wave length of radiation causes the burn, how much energy is in that wave length and how does skin

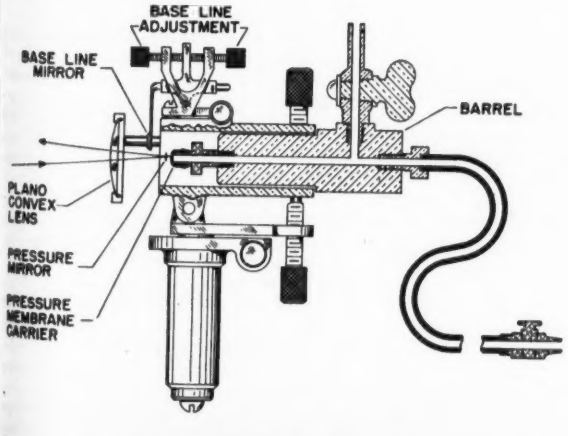


Fig. 3 Modified Gregg Manometer (From Gregg, Coronary Circulation)

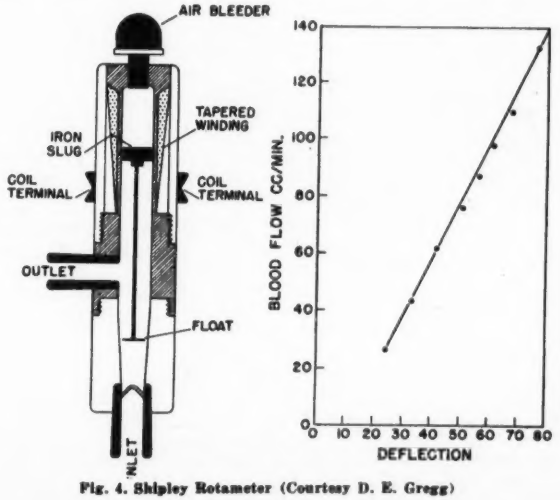


Fig. 4. Shipley Rotameter (Courtesy D. E. Gregg)

coloration protect against the burn are problems of the biophysics laboratory.

The various burns may be produced by exposure to radiant energy. but to be of practical value the wave length (whether it be infrared, visible, or ultraviolet) must be known, and equally important the energy level or intensity of that wave length must be known. The spectrograph is used to determine the wave length and the thermopile the energy. In some laboratories the bolometer has been used for the energy measurement and in others the photocell, but the response of the multiple element thermocouple has been found more uniform throughout the complete spectrum, thus indicating its use for this work even though its output is lower than either of the others in their particular ranges.

The standard thermopile used in our laboratory has an output of 0 293 volts per watt per square inch of incident energy. With an input range up to 1420 micro-watts per square inch an output of up to 10 micro-volts may be expected, a quite small quantity indeed and extreme care and precision must be used in measuring it.

### Measuring Atomic Energy

In this so-called "Atomic Age" everyone is interested in the atomic bomb and its effects. The Army Medical Service is no exception. By far the greatest percentage of casualties have been shown to be burns—technically, thermal burns, the result of the intense heat and light of the explosion. However, a fair percentage of the casualties may result from "radiation burns" from the gamma radiation of the fission itself. These also must be studied, frequencies determined, energy levels established and actual damage evaluated.

At the same time the possibility of protective measures must be investigated. Here, however, because of the greater power of penetration of the radiation, the damage lies mostly below the skin. Since the gamma wave length lies within the x-ray range and is identical with it, x-rays are used as an experimental energy source, for they can be much more easily controlled both for wave length and intensity (incidentally, also much cheaper).

Here again must energy levels be measured. For the purpose the "r" meter or ionization chamber is used, the energy being measured in "r's" or roentgen units. The Geiger-Mueller tube is of little value in the gamma range at the energy levels used.

The Geiger-Mueller tube is used, however, in radiation effect work, because in determining the effect of alpha and beta radiation, radioactive materials must be used and the intensity measured. At first thought one would say that the Geiger-Mueller tube is not an energy measuring instrument. It should be remembered that a particular tube responds to a certain energy-level band, those particles of lower energy not being able to penetrate and those of higher level passing on through with very few being stopped.

How many have ridden in tanks? Or stood and waited for one or more to roar by? Noise? One of the problems of the psychology laboratory is the measurement of the intensity or energy level of this noise and to determine how much it contributes to the fatigue of the crew members. The automotive industry, to a limited extent, is interested in the noise level within the car from a comfort standpoint and recently, one farm tractor company has considered noise investigation.

### Mechanical Measurements

Not only must the noise level in tanks be measured but also the vibration, for these vibrations are in reality the very low frequency noises. This involves displacement measurements in micro-inches but at a velocity that the strain gauge is not able to follow satisfactorily. Various vibration pick-ups are used and the result amplified to give a usable output. One of the industrial research laboratories should be announcing in the near future a method of measuring the displacement as a displacement and not as the result of the integration of a velocity.

In the oft-referred-to metabolism studies, displacement measurements are of extreme interest. Chest girth changes are used as an indication of the rate of respiratory exchange, and to some extent as a rough indication of the volume of air inspired and exhaled. This requires calibration of the measuring instrument, a *pneumograph*, against the individual.

The calibration may be accomplished at low speeds and then the pneumograph used at higher rates as on a walking or running man. Various pneumographs have been developed but none with too high a degree of success under all conditions. The instrument in most common use is a rubber bellows that expands and collapses with change in girth — the change of volume actuating a small spirometer and the resulting motion registered on a recording kymograph.

The loading on the subject of this system is very low but the equipment is extremely temperature-sensitive and is of practically no use at very high or very low temperatures. Various types of electrical resistance instruments have been tried with various degrees of success but all are too bulky to be worn under clothing. Two new types are at present under trial but it is far too early to report them as satisfactory.

### Analysis Instrumentation

It goes without saying that analysis instrumentation is of extreme importance in a research laboratory but few realize how much of this instrumentation is common to both fields. Yet this is only to be expected because most of it evolved in the research laboratory and graduated to industry as industry demanded more and better measurement and control. In the chemistry laboratory may be found pH meters and titration indicators, that, if not identical with, at least are the forerunners of the industrial equipment. For the most part, the industrial equipment has an accuracy as great as the laboratory equipment. Indeed, if the laboratory could run on a continuous basis, the industrial equipment would be used since it is much easier to operate and is much less liable to human error.

In the panel shown in Fig. 1, two pieces of industrial analysis equipment occupy a third of the total space. These are the oxygen and $CO_2$ analyzers. The oxygen analyzer operates on the magnetic susceptance of oxygen and was developed by Beckman. It has a range of 0 to 25 per cent and an accuracy of one per cent of full scale. For $CO_2$ the Baird infrared absorption gas analyzer is used, permanently set for $CO_2$.

Both of these instruments have a latent time of approximately one minute but since they are used for quite large samples of air, 100 to 150 liters, this is not too great a disadvantage.

In the sweat rate problem mentioned before, an L & N portable selective infrared gas analyzer is modified to measure the water content of the air.

The infrared absorption principle is also used in an infrared spectro-photometer. In this, as the name implies, the absorption is measured in a continuously changing narrow wave-band through the range from 2 to 16 microns wave length. This may be an absolute measurement of a sample or may be a comparison with a standard sample to show variations from that sample. The infrared spectrophotometer may be used on liquid and solid samples as well as gas samples.

The visible light range spectrophotometer is in use also. The recording spectrophotometer built by General Electric Company is used to measure the reflectance from various pigmented or burned skins; the reflectance from various chemical compounds, etc.

### Automatic Control Applications

It must not be thought that measurement instrumentation is all that is required in research. Control equipment must be used, too, but not to the extent that it is in industry. In the metabolism studies a commercial vacuum switch is used to stop the pump when the air bags have been evacuated to the proper point, thus assuring a constant residual volume in the bags. The air pressure applied to the tourniquets used in the same project is controlled by a positioning regulator.

It is quite common to see valves almost as tall as a man on exhibition at the conferences. Fig. 6 is an assembly drawing of a control valve

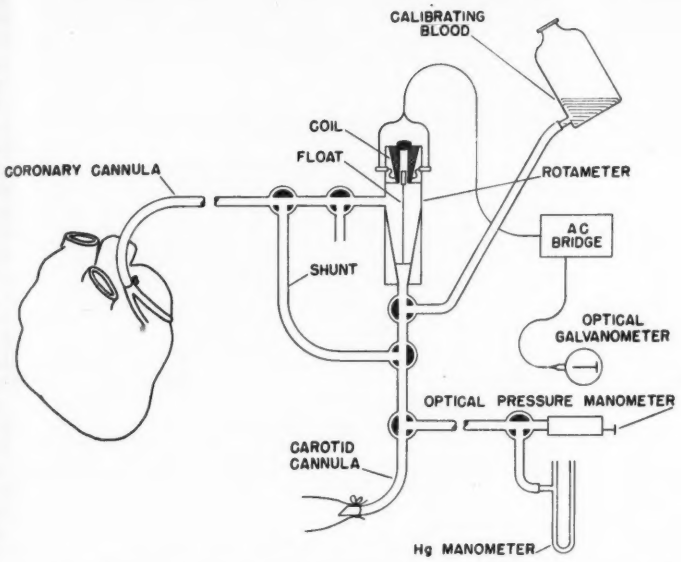


Fig. 5 Schematic Drawing of Arrangement of Apparatus for Measuring Coronary Flow. (Courtesy D. E. Gregg)

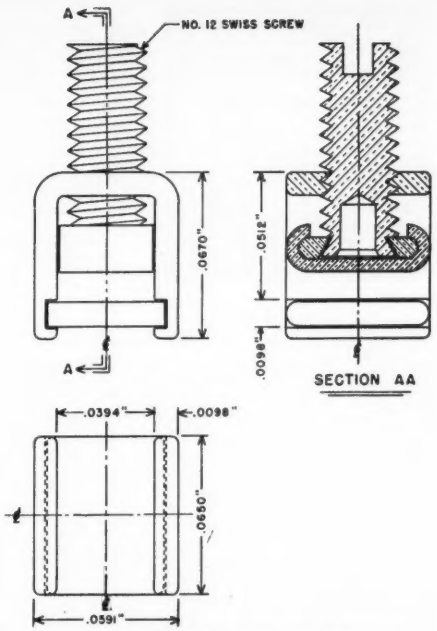


Fig. 6 Goldblatt Clamp as Modified by Gregg & Monnell. (Courtesy D. E. Gregg)

about 30 of which were constructed by the instrument maker in the Medical Research Laboratory at Fort Knox. It is a modified version of the Goldblatt Clamp which was about eight times as large. It is constructed entirely of coin silver and, in spite of its size, its screw-thread is semi-precision.

In spite of its name "clamp," it is not a clamp but a control valve; being used to regulate the blood flow to the kidney of a white rat weighing about one-half pound. When the flow is reduced to the proper point the rat develops hypertension, or high blood pressure, and can be used in studies dealing with this condition.

Fig. 7 is a picture of a fully automatic air-conditioning problem that was dealt with by the instrument section of the laboratory as a project of its own. It will come as quite a surprise to most people that this is a baby incubator and that the Army hospitals have 500 of these units in addition to various other makes. Two things must be borne in mind, however: first, that the Army is pledged to furnish, as far as is possible, medical attention to the dependents of Army personnel; and second, the Army now has the highest percentage of married personnel that it has ever had in its history. The Fort Knox Hospital alone had over 1000 deliveries in 1950, so that the need of baby incubators is understandable.

This particular unit was not entirely satisfactory as purchased and one unit was turned over to the instrument section to see what could be done to improve it. When finally returned, the unit could hold a temperature to plus or minus one-third of one degree Fahrenheit in the range of 60° to 105° and the relative humidity to plus or minus 2½ per cent between 50 and 95 per cent. It is possible that the unit could have held the relative humidity closer, but there were moisture problems beyond the control of the unit.

## Conclusion

This has been by no means a complete survey of instrumentation in a physiological research laboratory, but only typical examples. For the most part the work of an instrument man in a research lab is quite similar to that of the industrial instrument man and is mostly routine. For the most part new instrumentation lies in recommending a particular piece of commercial equipment and making the modifications that may sometimes be necessary. The instrument man's hardest problem is finding the time to keep track of all the equipment that is available, and its capabilities and limitation. The real fascination of the work does lie in the few special design and construction problems that fall to his lot, but the instrument engineer in any large industrial plant probably has even more of this to do.

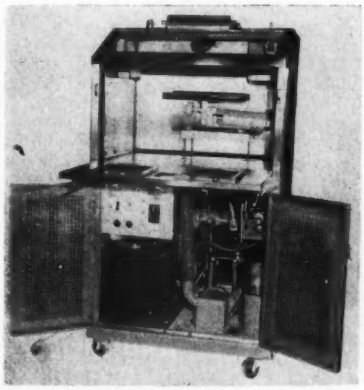

Fig. 7 Baby Incubator

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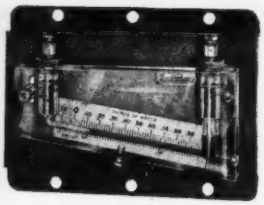

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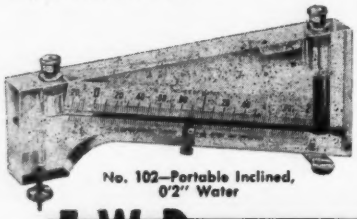

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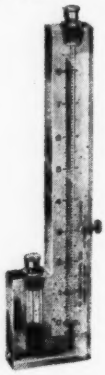

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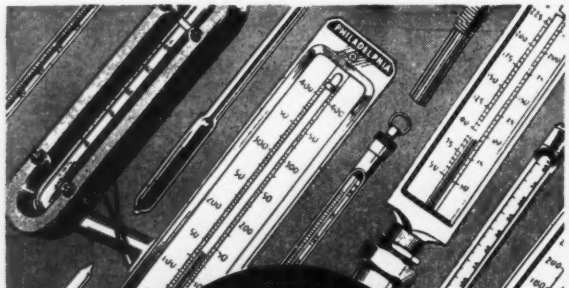

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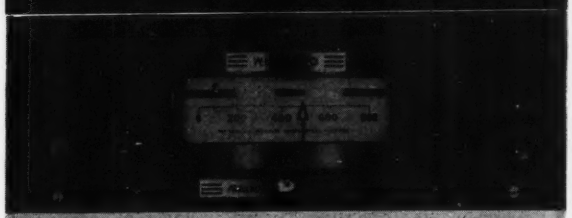

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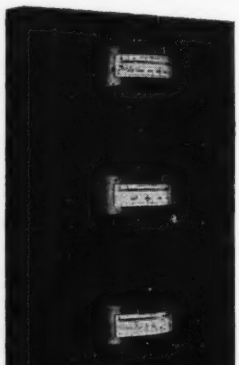

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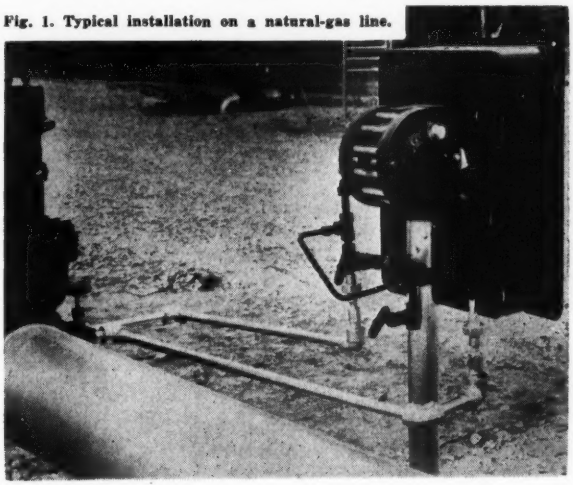

**Important factors associated with rupture-proof dual-bellows flowmeters include bellows construction, temperature compensation, range springs, ease of servicing, freedom from over-range damage, high sensitivity, simple installation, and applicability over wide ranges of differential and static pressures.**

# RUPTURE-PROOF BELLOWS-TYPE ORIFICE METERS

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ORIFICE-TYPE flowmeters are composed of three essential elements—(1) the primary element or orifice in the flow line, which produces the differential pressure, (2) the intermediate element or piping which connects and transmits the differential impulse to (3) the final element, or differential-pressure meter, which senses the differential pressure and indicates this information on a scale or chart of flow. This article discusses the bellows-type final element. The empirical data and procedures used for figuring meter constants or orifice multipliers, as developed by the ASME, the AGA, the SCMA, the CNGA, etc., apply equally well to bellows-type meters and mercury-type differential meters.

## History

Both bellows-type and mercury-type differential-pressure meters were available 35 years ago. At that time the stage of development of both types of meters was approximately equal. However, the mercury-manometer type of recording meter developed more rapidly than the early, single-bellows-type differential-pressure recorders. This is not surprising. Even at that time, the static pressure levels of systems were high enough to destroy the bellows if full line pressure was accidentally imposed across a single-bellows element. Although mercury-type meters also were disturbed by over-range, it was more simple and inexpensive to replace the mercury than to replace a bellows. In addition, the art of bellows manufacturing had not developed to its present level. No two bellows would give exactly the same meter characteristics. Also, the materials of construction could not prevent corrosion or damage to the bellows as the result of the attack of line fluids. However, advances in the metallurgy of stainless steels, as well as improved methods of bellows fabrication, have drastically changed that earlier picture.

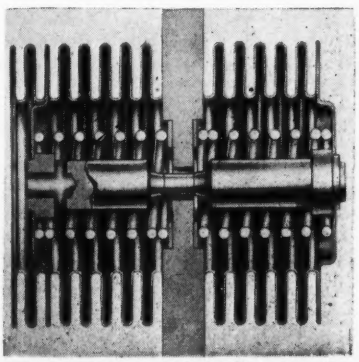

Fig. 2. Rupture-proof dual-bellows assembly.

Despite these problems, there was continuous effort on the part of various instrument companies to produce bellows-type meters. This drive was sparked by the recognition of the inherent advantages of the dry-type meter. These basic advantages, such as the omission of mercury and pressure bearing, could not be fully utilized until there was developed (1) a truly fool-proof method of preventing bellows damage when over ranged, and (2) a simple method of dampening the highly sensitive bellows.

## Construction and Operation

### *Bellows*

During the second World War, a rupture-proof dual-bellows mechanism (Fig. 2) was developed that permitted full line pressure to be applied to one side of the meter with the other side open to atmosphere, without damage to the bellows. As shown in Fig. 2, a central plate separates the two pressure chambers. On this plate are

mounted two bellows, one in the high-pressure chamber and one in the low-pressure chamber. The opposite ends of the bellows are closed by plates which are, in turn, joined by a stem that passes through the central plate. On this stem, on either side of the central plate, are mounted soft-seated valves that close against the center plate whenever an excessive differential pressure is applied in either direction. The internal volume of both bellows and the interconnecting passageway is completely filled with a liquid, such as ethylene glycol and water, and permanently sealed at the factory.

When a differential pressure is applied, liquid travels from inside the high-pressure bellows, through the annular passage, into the low-pressure bellows. If excessive differential pressure is applied, the valve on the center stem closes against the center plate and traps the liquid in the high-pressure bellows. As this liquid is essentially noncompressible, the pressure level in the high-pressure chamber may increase to the safe working pressure of the instrument without a corresponding increase in the low-pressure housing, and without damage to the bellows. As the liquid inside the high-pressure bellows is trapped, it supports the bellows and prevents any further change in its shape; as the hydrostatic pressure inside the bellows and the high-pressure housing is the same, there is no strain on the bellows; and as the over range valves are located in both the high- and low-pressure bellows, the differential pressure may be applied in the normal direction, or in the opposite direction, without damage.

*Temperature Compensation*

The fill liquid inside the bellows is permanently sealed within the bellows and never comes in contact with the fluid being measured. Some means must be provided to take care of its change in volume with increase or decrease of the temperature of the instrument. This is done by providing an extra bellows, attached to the high-pressure side of the instrument, which is free to float without being restrained by the center stem (Fig. 3). This extra chamber is connected to the main bellows chamber by a passageway through the closure plate of the high-pressure bellows. This extra bellows, or *temperature compensator*, acts as a surge chamber and permits the bellows fill liquid to expand or contract without affecting the pressure inside the bellows, or distorting the shape of the two main measuring bellows.

*Calibration Range Spring*

When differential pressure is applied, the movement of the bellows is opposed by the spring characteristics of the bellows themselves plus the action of *range springs* (Fig. 2). The spring rates determine the differential-pressure range. This instrument with internal range springs, as shown in Fig. 2, is available in differential-pressure

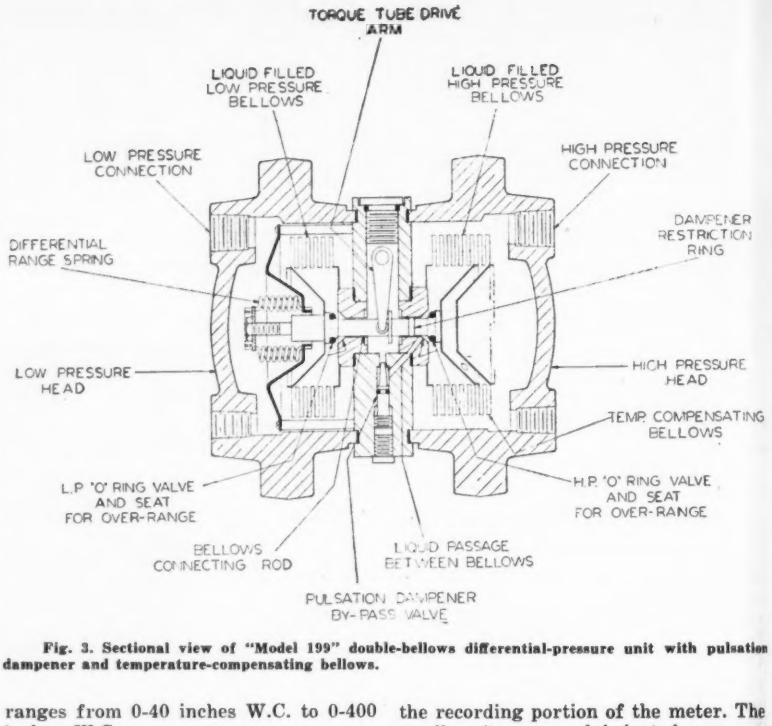
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**Fig. 3. Sectional view of "Model 199" double-bellows differential-pressure unit with pulsation dampener and temperature-compensating bellows.**

ranges from 0-40 inches W.C. to 0-400 inches W.C.

For lower differential ranges a larger unit (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4) was developed. In this type the calibration range springs are external of the bellows, a torque tube is used, an internal pulsation dampener is included, and the bellows are made of stainless steel. The calibration range spring assembly is composed of multiple springs operating in tension. They are welded to two rings designed so the larger external ring can be supported by four posts, and the smaller one can be threaded to the end of the center stem stud. This design simplifies range changes and enables one to make an approximate zero setting when changing the range.

In order to change the range of the smaller unit (Fig. 2), it is necessary to change the entire bellows-unit assembly. With the larger design (Fig. 4), only the range springs need be changed to change the differential-pressure range from 0-15 inches W.C. minimum to 0-300 inches W.C. maximum.

All of the wetted parts of the bellows unit assembly except the center plate are made of stainless steel. The bellows are 316 stainless steel. The standard springs are 18-8 stainless steel (#302), although they are now available in 8-18 stainless steel also. This latter material, known as "Iso-elastic," is intended for installations requiring extremely high accuracy and repeatability. The other parts are either 302 or 303 stainless steel, depending upon whether they are to be welded or machined.

*Torque Tube*

The motion of the bellows must be transmitted from the center stem to the recording portion of the meter. The small unit uses a lubricated pressure bearing with a take-off from a hard bearing surface on the end of the low-pressure bellows. The larger unit utilizes a torque-tube take-off.

A torque tube (Fig. 5) is a device for transmitting rotary motion through the wall of a pressurized vessel without the use of stuffing boxes or closely lapped shaft and bushing. It consists of a thin-walled *housing tube* welded at one end to the pressure vessel, and welded at the other end to a *torque shaft* which passes through the tube beyond the wall of the pressure vessel. When a torque is applied to the inner end of the housing at the point where it is welded to the torque shaft, the housing tube twists, but the shaft rotates. The outer end of the torque tube usually is not welded directly to the pressure vessel or housing; it is welded to a special fitting that can be sealed in the housing center plate with an "O" ring and a special lock nut. This provides a perfect seal and yet permits initial factory settings and adjustments. As the tube is welded at both ends and sealed in the center plate, there is absolutely no passageway for liquid or gas to escape through this device. As the tube is only twisted through about 25 percent of its workable range, it does not fatigue. The only fluid contacting the torque tube is atmospheric air on the outside and fill liquid on the inside. Therefore the torque tube can be supported by a needle bearing, and the arm that transmits the rotary motion to the torque tube can be driven by a ball bearing with an absolute minimum of friction. As the highly responsive bearings are continuously bathed in a clean lubricating fluid that never becomes oxidized or contaminated, they retain

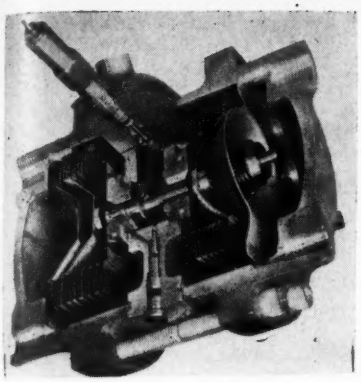

Fig. 4. "Model 199" double-bellows assembly.

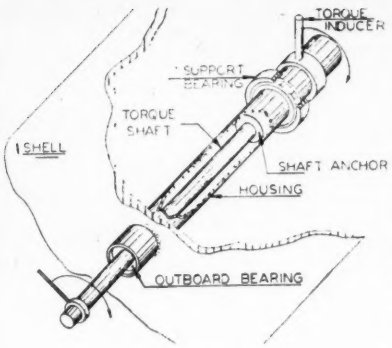


Fig. 5. Details of torque tube.

their desirable operating characteristics for the life of the instrument.

*Pulsation Dampener*

The internal pulsation dampener (Fig. 3) consists of a highly polished free-floating piston ring placed on the central shaft within the cylindrical portion of the high-pressure valve seat. It acts as a frictionless restrictor to the flow of fill liquid from one bellows to the other. To provide for adjustment of the degree of dampening, a needle valve is included in the center plate. This allows the fill liquid to by-pass around the restriction ring. By virtue of the novel "O"-ring design, the by-pass valve can be opened or closed while the instrument is in operation.

*Housing*

The housing consists of the high- and low-pressure heads plus the center plate, which also is part of the bellows unit. The heads are secured to the center plate with twelve bolts, using "Durabla" gaskets for sealing. Housings are available with safe working pressure of 1000 psig., 2500 psig., and 4500 psig. These ratings have a 4 to 1 safety factor based on the API and ASME Code for unfired pressure vessels. The heads are easily removed for range change.

## Characteristic Features

The rupture-proof type of bellows differential-pressure recorder has many desirable operational features. Chief among them is that there is no mercury used in the instrument. This eliminates (1) the initial expense of mercury catch pots, special piping, and manifolding, (2) the cost of seal pots, (3) the cost of replacing lost mercury, (4) the contamination of the line fluids, (5) the destruction of copper bearing alloy parts down the line, (6) the explosion hazard in the presence of ammonia, and others related to servicing.

Another feature of operational importance is ability to withstand overrange without damage to the measuring system, permitting unskilled personnel to put the meter into operation. This has been demonstrated by tests in which an instrument was over loaded a half a million times with a differential pressure 300 times greater than the differential-pressure range of the instrument. It checked within 1 percent after the tests.

The use of a torque tube instead of pressure bearing eliminates leaks. This is important when handling high-pressure natural gas, ammonia, oxygen, hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide, etc. As all parts in contact with the fluid being measured, except the housing, are of 18-8 stainless steel, there is no corrosion—a feature proven in the sour gas fields.

As there are no moving parts except bellows and springs, there are no bearings, pivots, chains, etc. to become fouled and alter the sensitivity of the meter. This assures permanently high sensitivity because a bellows-type instrument has a low inertia and is, therefore, basically sensitive. Without affecting sensitivity, an operator can select the exact degree of inertia required on any installation by adjusting the pulsation dampener. Although this is an internal adjustment, it is made externally while the unit is in operation under full line pressure, without danger of losing the fill liquid or the fluid being measured.

As the differential-pressure unit is temperature compensated for fill-liquid expansion, and as the range springs have a low temperature coefficient of expansion, changes in ambient temperature have little effect on the calibration. In contrast, temperature changes affect mercury meters, some more than others. The temperature limitations on a standard bellows-type meter are —20 deg. F. to +200 deg. F. for continuous duty. Special meters have been made for temperatures as low as —100 deg. F.

The guaranteed accuracy of the instrument is better than ½ percent of the differential-pressure range. The range springs contribute heavily to this accuracy. Being corrosion resistant they do not change cross-section and lose their characteristics. Also, their hysteresis is small, and the tension-type multiple-spring design insures accurate linear deflection. Where the highest degree of accuracy is desired, the special "Iso-elastic" springs should be used because their temperature coefficient of expansion is almost zero; their spring characteristics are better; and tests thus far indicate their average hysteresis to be less than 0.1 percent of full scale.

Over pressuring of rupture-proof bellows units has virtually no effect on the calibration, nor does it shift the instrument zero. This was verified by a user who applied static pressures from 25 inches W.C. to 1000 psig., the safe working pressure, in about 10 or 12 steps, to the low-pressure side, with the high-pressure side open to atmosphere. After each over range the instrument returned to true zero with no shift.

The volume displacement of the differential-pressure units is small—1.5 cubic inches for full-scale deflection, or about 0.07 of a cubic inch for a 5-percent change in range. This is important when, because of material or temperature limitations, it is necessary to use seals. When make-up condensate is the sealing medium, the seal pots or condensing chambers can be omitted without sacrificing permanent accuracy for a long duration. For example, on a steam-flow installation using a 100-inch W.C. unit with ½-inch piping, and assuming a normal flow rate of 80 percent, a change of 5 to 10 percent of flow rate would introduce an error of only about 1 percent of flow. This would be a momentary error as the make-up condensate would immediately replace the void. A larger differential range would give proportionately less error because the bellows unit (and therefore the displacement) is the same for all ranges.

For wide flow variations, two differential-pressure units can be mounted on the back of the same recorder case, one with a low differential-pressure range spring for low flow, and the other one with a differential-pressure range spring 4 to 16 times stronger for a high flow of 2 to 4 times the low flow. The two units are connected to the same orifice plate. When the differential-pressure range of the low-range unit is exceeded, its pen comes to rest at the edge of the chart and the higher range unit takes over, operating a second pen that will already be at ¼ of the chart. Thus a complete record of the wide range of flow can be made available on a single chart, together with a third and fourth pen for static pressure and temperature if required. The over-loading of the low-range unit during periods of high flow causes no damage because of the rupture-proof principle.

The dual-type rupture-proof bellows is used not only to actuate recorders; it is equally suitable for driving indicators, controllers, and transmitters, both pneumatic and electric, the latter being particularly important when telemetering flow in gas transmission and distribution.

## Installation

Installation of the dual-bellows recording meter is governed by accepted flowmetering practice, as for any other orifice meter. However, certain features make its installation simpler and easier. For example, as the meter contains no mercury, the catch pots and special

piping manifolds can be omitted. Also, accurate leveling is not required and inexpensive pipe saddles can be used in lieu of leveling saddles. As accurate leveling is not required, the meter is an ideal portable meter for temporary installations or for testing field meters. A portable indicator, accurately calibrated in the shop, can be used as a secondary standard for field checking instead of the fragile and cumbersome water column.

The meter body is self draining because there are no cups or traps to catch condensate or liquid. Therefore, to take full advantage of this feature, the instrument should be piped from the bottom connections of the meter chambers, with the lead lines running downwards to the orifice plate. This permits the instrument to automatically drain itself of any condensate that may form from wet gas during a decrease in temperature. To promote this feature it is highly desirable to eliminate the block valves in the impulse lines in the meter manifold; instead, use only full-opening plug valves at the orifice flanges.

A typical installation on a natural-gas line is illustrated in Fig. 1. When measuring natural gas, even when temperatures and pressures are right for hydrate formation, this method of installation has proven satisfactory. Three things to bear in mind under such conditions are: (1) The impulse lines must connect to the bottom housing connections, (2) it is preferable to have the ½-inch connections at the bottom and to use ½-inch lines, and (3) do not blow-down the meter when hydrates are present in the impulse lines or the meter.

When the instrument has been piped up, but before the block valves are opened, the instrument should be checked for zero. Although it is not necessary to level the instrument precisely, the zero position will shift slightly if the instrument is installed with the meter tipped quite a bit from the perpendicular. This does not alter the calibration of the instrument; by returning the pen to zero with the zero adjustment provided for this purpose, the instrument will be in perfect calibration.

The rupture-proof feature should be considered as a safety measure and should not be abused. Therefore, the by-pass valve should be open when the instrument is being pressurized. However, overload causes no damage other than perhaps flinging the ink out of the pen.

Two meters often are placed in the same flow line for checking one against the other. This is particularly likely to occur when someone is testing a meter that is new to him. If this is done, it should be recognized that the flow of gas through an orifice plate can spontaneously develop pulsation in the gas stream. Pulsative flows passing through an orifice plate are subject to peculiar disturbances. As pulsative conditions in a gas stream can generate spontaneously across an orifice plate, it means that peculiar conditions can exist in one meter installation and not in another one 50 feet from it. Even if the pulsative condition develops to the same degree across both plates, the two meters will not give the same readings unless the piping from the orifice plate to each meter is identical, and the volumes of the two chambers of both meters are identical. This problem of pulsative conditions in gas-flow measurement is an extremely complicated one.

## Service and Maintenance

The meter body is rugged, simple, and easy to service. Some common servicing problems that are eliminated are: (1) The health hazzard of mercury poisoning; (2) the danger of explosion from unstable mercury salts when used on ammonia; (3) the necessity of "wet calibration" when the impulse lines are filled with sealing fluid or condensate; (4) the troubles and expense of reclaiming and replacing mercury blown by over ranging; and (5) the periodic cleaning, repairing, replacing and lubricating of exposed parts such as pivots, chains, knife edges, ground joints, pressure bearings, or stuffing boxes. The few moving parts are hermetically sealed in a pure lubricant that is never oxidized or contaminated.

The sequence of operation of the manifold valves is not critical and, therefore, checking the instrument zero in the field is simplified. One important point that should be remembered, however, when zero-checking any kind of orifice meter on a pulsating gas flow is that *both* valves should be closed (not just one) and the by-pass valve should be opened. This guards against a false zero caused by a pulsative condition.

With the dual-bellows meter it is not necessary to bleed off the gas pressure from the high- and low-pressure chambers when zero check is being made because the calibration and the zero position of the instrument are not affected by static pressure level. A meter calibrated at atmospheric level is correct at high pressure levels because no correction has to be made for the change in weight of the differential gas column which in turn is caused by the increase in gas density due to higher pressure. Another point is that a meter operating on a highly pulsating flow will be heavily damped; therefore, one should remember to open the dampener valve wide when checking zero.

Calibration in the shop or laboratory is accomplished by attaching the high-pressure side of the instrument in parallel with a water column to a source of controlled low-pressure air. The low-pressure housing should be open to atmosphere and the dampener valve should be opened wide. The usual steps in calibrating a pressure spiral are followed in calibrating this bellows meter—namely, check zero, check full-scale travel against a pressure equal to the differential range and, finally, check mid-scale against half the range. Adjustments are made to the length of the adjustable arm on the pen shaft to correct for deviations from the desired range, and to the length of the adjustable link to correct for minor deviations from linearity. This same test can be made in the field by using an aspirator bulb instead of an air supply. Care should be taken to guard against leaks and to prevent any sealed pressure from remaining in the sun too long because the air will expand due to the radiant heat of the sun. This will result in unstable readings and lead to errors.

The stainless-steel construction eliminates corrosion in most applications. However, if fluids such as salt water in the presence of oxygen, wet chlorine gas, or dilute sulphuric acid should corrode the bellows, the entire bellows assembly should be replaced. The replacement can be managed by any competent instrument mechanic. It can be done in the instrument shop or in the field. In either case, the instrument is disconnected from the lead lines, the 12 head bolts are removed and the two heads are taken off. The drive arm is disconnected from the torque tube shaft in the recorder case. The three screws holding the bellows unit assembly to the mounting bracket are then loosened and removed. This frees the bellows-unit assembly which then may be taken from the instrument and replaced; the assembly steps are followed in the reverse order. Due to minor tolerances in manufacturing it is always necessary to recalibrate after replacing a bellows assembly. It is standard practice to furnish each new bellows assembly with a calibration range spring assembly. Therefore, the basic zero setting is already made. It is then only necessary to adjust for exact micrometer zero on the pen arm or pen shaft and adjust for pen travel and linearity in the recorder case.

There is no required periodic maintenance such as lubrication or regular cleaning. Of course, if solids collect around the bellows, they have to be removed periodically to avoid errors. However, except for unusual circumstances, the presence of oil, condensate, or sulphur-bearing gases do not disturb the instrument accuracy.

It has been reported by users that the dual-bellows rupture-proof differential-pressure recorder requires so little maintenance that it is ideal for areas wherein excessive maintenance costs have been experienced with other varieties of meters.

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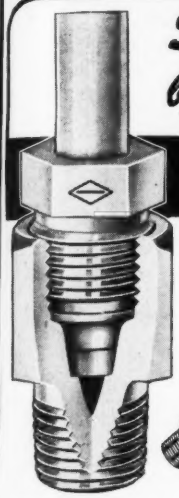

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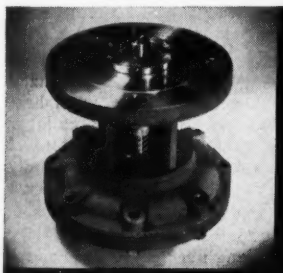

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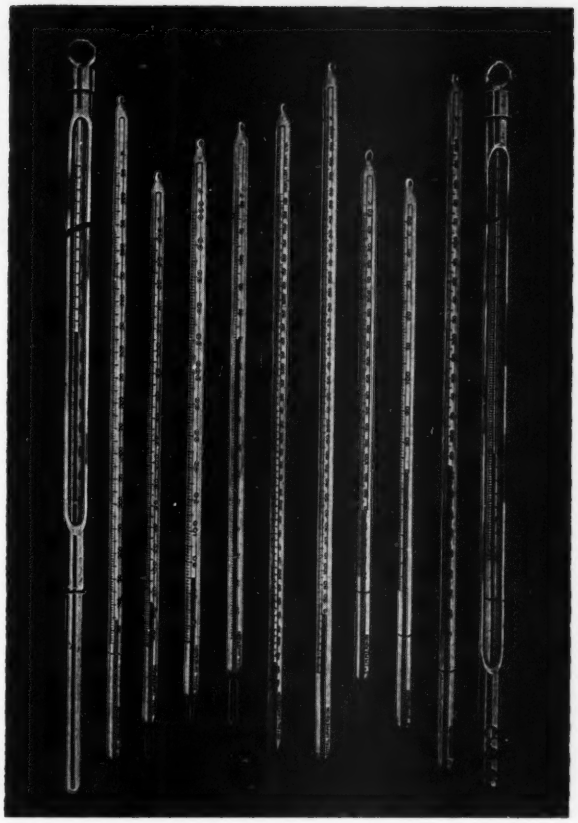

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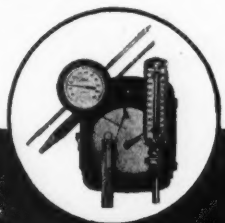

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### Water Removal at Furfural Unit

Let us now discuss a case of over instrumentation which caused much unnecessary work both for operators and instrument men. This case involves the Water Removal Tower of the solvent recovery system. Final stripping of furfural from both raffinate and extract is with steam. Thus the condensate from these stripping towers contains both water and furfural. A primary separation of the furfural and water in the liquid state can be made by a decanter. However, the best separation which can be made in a decanter is about 80 percent at 110 deg. F., which temperature is about as good as can be expected with 92-degree cooling water. This means that 20 percent of the furfural coming into the decanter remains in the water layer. It is the function of the Water Removal Tower (Fig. 2) to recover the furfural which does not settle out of the water. This is done by a distillation process in which all the furfural and some water are distilled overhead. The boiling point of this mixture is lower than the boiling point of pure water. In this system the water layer from the decanter is pumped on to the top tray of the Water Removal Tower. Exhaust steam is introduced into the bottom of the tower to supply the heat to distill the water-furfural feed mixture.

The control system shown in Fig. 2 looks feasible. With steam as the heating medium the temperature controller controlling the steam should assure sufficient heat to the tower. However, the boiling point of furfural-water mixtures with compositions varying from 93-percent furfural and 7-percent water to a 5-percent furfural and 95-percent water all have a constant boiling point of about 208 deg. F. at atmospheric pressure. Soon after operation was started it was noticed that no matter how much steam was put in the bottom of the tower the temperature recorded on the TRC did not change. After many hours of trying to make the instrumentation work, a review of the process factors was made. A simple graph of furfural-water boiling point versus percent composition showed why the control did not work.

The TRC was removed and the steam is now set by hand at a point where experience has shown that enough heat will be added to distill all the furfural from the water layer of the decanter. A sniff of the water from the bottom of the tower checks that enough steam is being added. The only precaution necessary is to see that excess steam does not overload the condensing system or decanter.

This illustrates how a good understanding of processing can be useful to an instrument engineer. The instrument man need not be a process engineer, but he should dig into fundamental concepts involved in the system he is instrumenting.

### Dewaxing Units

We now pass along to the MEK dewaxing units, where there are two cases which have some unusual features. The first of these deals with the instrumentation of the control on the waxy charge to the dewaxing unit, blending of solvent with this waxy oil, and distribution of the resultant charge mix into three parallel streams through double pipe exchangers and chillers (Fig. 3).

The original system installed, shown by the solid lines in Fig. 3, was conventional. It consisted of flow controllers on each of the three charge mix streams to the exchangers and chillers. The waxy charge was not controlled directly, but its flow was the primary flow of a ratio controller which controlled a secondary solvent flow from a solvent receiver. As this stream of solvent was not enough to supply the full quantity needed, an auxiliary supply of solvent was required. This came from another source under control of a liquid level on another receiver. This control system looks perfectly operable. There were two things, however, which called for changing the instrumentation.

First, this system provided no protection against filling the chilling system with straight waxy oil and thus plugging it. Men in dewaxing plants know only too well the lost production that results when the chilling system is plugged by straight waxy oil. This happens if a solvent pump is lost for any reason; the controlling flowmeters on the three split streams don't know solvent has been lost and they keep asking for the same flow. With the solvent flow reduced the waxy oil flow tries to meet the demand. The other solvent flow may try to come up, but will be insufficient and soon the pump loses suction or the liquid level shuts off the flow, depending on which pump was lost. No matter how good the operators are, this condition is bound to happen sooner or later.

Before we discuss the moves which were made to protect against this condition, let us turn to another condition which existed in our plant and which could happen in any similar set up. The waxy oil charge pump had head characteristics which, at some plant capacities, allowed it to put up a head against which the solvent pumps could not pump. This condition leads to exactly the same plugging of the chilling system with waxy oil as was described. Perhaps the heads on the solvent and waxy charge pumps could be better balanced, but such balancing of heads with centrifugal pumps is next to impossible to cover all capacity ranges.

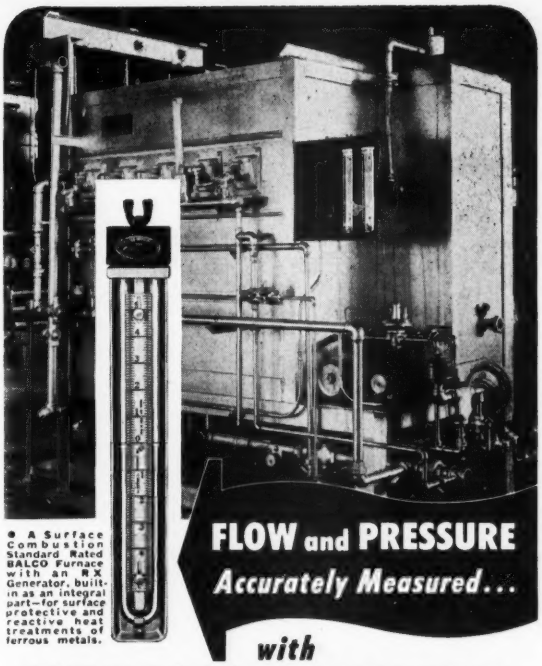
This problem was put up to our instrument department. They recommended that the instruments shown dotted in Fig. 3 be installed. These instruments are (1) a *pressure controller*, actuated by a pressure tap on the combined charge mix line to the chiller flow controllers, controlling (2) a *valve* in the waxy oil line, and (3) an *air relay* from the transmitter air of the solvent flow of the ratio controller. This relay supplies air to the positioner on the valve installed in the waxy oil line. Now let us suppose that a solvent pump is lost. This time either of two things happen, both of which will shut off the waxy oil so it does not plug the chillers. If the transmitter air of the solvent flow goes below the relay set point, the relay shuts off the waxy oil control valve by cutting off the supply air. If the solvent flow is reduced but not low enough to work the relay, the low-dilution waxy oil mixture when chilled raises the pressure in the chillers and the pressure controller starts reducing the amount of waxy oil being charged. Thus the new instruments furnish protection if a solvent pump is lost.

What do these instruments do for the condition of high head on the waxy oil pump? The pressure controller can be set at a point where the valve controlled by the pressure controller throttles the waxy oil stream so the solvent pumps can function as desired without having to buck the extremely high head of the waxy oil pump. Thus the new set up can operate as planned originally, but with protection against operating interruptions due to plugged chillers. Changes in plant throughputs can be controlled easily and smoothly by changing the settings on the three flow controllers on the split streams going to the chillers.

*Compressor Instrumentation*

The second problem at the MEK plants deals with the main instrumentation of the refrigeration Propane compressors (Fig. 4) which take care of the refrigeration for both MEK plants. In this system there are three 1165-ton compressors. One takes care of MEK-1, one takes care of MEK-2, and the other is a common spare. One normal compressor is driven by non-condensing turbines which take 600-pound steam directly from the boilers and discharge into the 200-pound refinery system where it is used for heating and prime movers throughout the rest of the plant. The other normal compressor is driven by a condensing turbine and the spare compressor has a non-condensing turbine drive.

For steady operation it is essential that the operating compressors maintain constant suction pressure. The compressors operate at constant speed because with centrifugal compressors of this size it is impractical to attempt capacity control by changing the speed of the compressor. This means that other means must be found to maintain a steady suction pressure. The MEK system does not have rapid or frequent changes in refrigeration requirements, even though filters are regularly being taken off for washing, because load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The easiest way to maintain a steady suction pressure would be to by-pass some of the compressor discharge directly back to the suction; this was done. On the surface it seems that a by-pass control operated by a pressure controller would take care of the full requirements for such a system. However, where a centrifugal compressor is used, the by-pass control is not the complete answer. This is due to a characteristic of the centrifugal compressor. It is well known that if the flow to a centrifugal compressor is below some critical point, the compressor really acts up. It squeals and develops a puffing action which can become violent. The machine shakes and lines bounce around like steam lines with water hammer. Since this is a flow problem, it is necessary to augment this compressor control system with a flow controller to prevent the flow from the compressor from falling below the critical point which causes "puffing."

The instrumentation of the dual pressure and flow controls is illustrated in Fig. 4. Both pressure controller and flow controller are tied into an automatic selector. As long as the flow from the compressor is above the set minimum, the pressure controller functions as a by-pass controller. However, if the flow falls below a selected minimum, the flow controller takes over, regardless of the pressure condition. This makes sure that the compressor does not develop the dangerous surge due to low flow.

If the pressure goes up in the suction trap, something must be done to adjust the load to the compressor which is affecting the pressure. The selector-control air is connected to the control valve through a relay. The function of the relay is to take the control away from the selector should the suction trap pressure reach 15 pounds. The by-pass valve is then closed by the relay. This protects the overpressuring of the suction trap and consequent overloading of the compressors by high suction pressure.

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### Duo-Sol Extractor System

The Duo-Sol extractor system (Fig. 5) consists of seven counter-flow mixing and settling steps. One solvent (low-specific-gravity Propane) enters the No.-1 end of the system and high-specific-gravity solvent Selecto (mixture of Phenol and Cresol) enters the other end counter flow. In each extractor the Propane layer rises to the top and the Selecto layer settles. This means that the Propane moves through the system by the pressure of the pump that charges it because all extractors are completely full. It is necessary to pump the Selecto from each compartment to the next, and a transfer pump is provided for each extractor. In each extractor, or settler, an inter-face level is maintained between the heavy solvent layer and the light solvent layer.

At this point the question invariably is asked: "Why don't they use inter-face floats to control the transfer?" This question would be even more insistent when you observe the Duo-Sol operation and see a modern fully-instrumented plant with everything automatic except the extractor system. Here you will see an operator walking in front of the extractors, observing inter-face levels in a gage glass, and manually adjusting the discharge valve on the transfer pumps to hold the levels.

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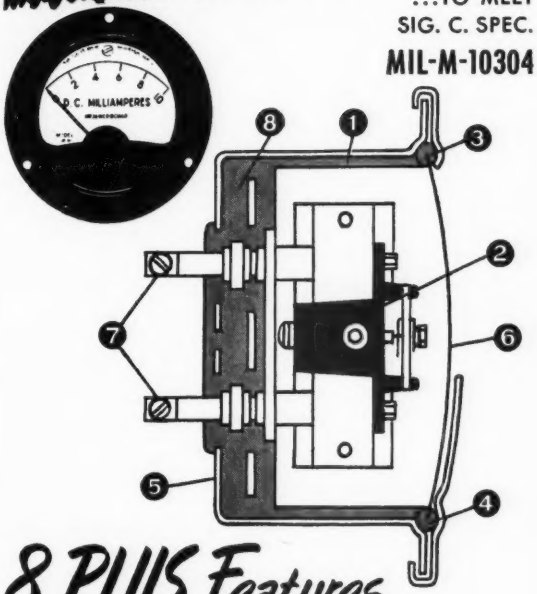


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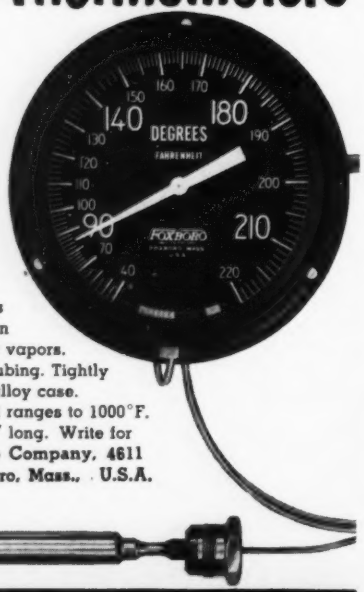


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extractors show a minimum specific-gravity difference of 0.121 and a maximum of 0.241, which is in the range in which inter-face floats can operate.

The gravity difference of the layers changes with stock changes and solvent treating conditions. The extractors apparently have enough over-design factor so that they can operate for an interval without any visible layer separation in the extractors in the middle of the system. This cannot go on continuously, but can persist for a period of time. For example, the level will first disappear in the extractor where the oil charge is introduced because the oil concentration here is greatest and the gravity difference the least. By experience, the operator knows his valve setting for a normal transfer from this compartment. When the level disappears by solution of the two layers, he does not change the rate of transfer from the compartment but watches the next level down the line to get his trend. An instrument would indicate that the transfer should be stopped until the level reurned. This cannot be done because the other extractors down the line would starve and the transfer to the recovery unit would be interrupted. This could not be tolerated in a system as closely coupled as the Duo-Sol plant where surge holdup is a minimum and exchange is used to a maximum. Flow interruption from the extractor would upset the whole plant in minutes. You may wonder how the extractor operation continues under these conditions. It is because there is enough internal circulation capacity that, when one extractor is not functioning properly, the others on each side pick up the load until they become overloaded. These conditions can be corrected by change in extractor temperature or reduction in oil charge but, as explained, the extractor-to-extractor transfer must continue in order to avoid a complete plant upset.

Inter-face floats were tried, but were not satisfactory because of the reasons given. An improved displacement float also was tried. This float had no control function but was used as an indication to the operator that he might be headed for trouble. It was installed on the No. 1 extractor, where the gravity difference is the greatest and where the extractors have to be in complete solution before the interface level disappears. This installation has done a good job and has always indicated the level trend in this extractor. It would be interesting to move the float to the critical No. 3 extractor. It is doubtful that a fully instrumented extractor system would eliminate an operator.

### Meter Seals

The last point has to do with the meter-seal system which was originally designed and installed in the dewaxing plants. This system was to be a purge system using recovered solvent. The solvent source selected was theoretically clean solvent. In practice, however, the solvent contains small quantities of wax so that before long the meter lines were plugged by an accumulation of wax which gradually settled out of the solvent. Efforts were made to make the solvent purge system work, but finally it was abandoned; the meters were sealed with conventional sealing fluid and lead lines and pots were steam traced.

If mercury-less differential-pressure meters had been as advanced at the time Cit-Con was designed as they are now, it is possible that this type of meter would have been used to eliminate many difficult sealing jobs.

### Discussion

*Discussor*: What do you do to prevent sweating in finished product tanks?

*Midlam*: We have air dryers on the finished oil storage tanks. They consist of twin "Lectro-dryer" units. In 2½ years we have never had a wet sample to be shipped out.

*Question*: About the rotameter on a stream at high temperature on the Duo-Sol unit, why wouldn't an orifice meter work on that stream?

*Midlam*: I think that the necessary correction for gravity and viscosity would enter into the problem for an orifice meter; I don't believe it would have the accuracy that the rotameter has with our blocked operation. The troublesome sealing problem also is eliminated with the rotameter.

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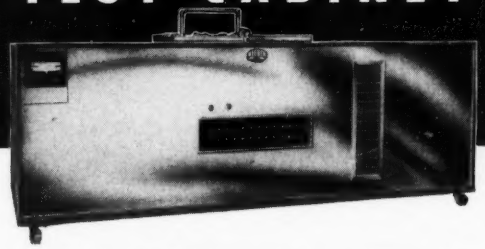

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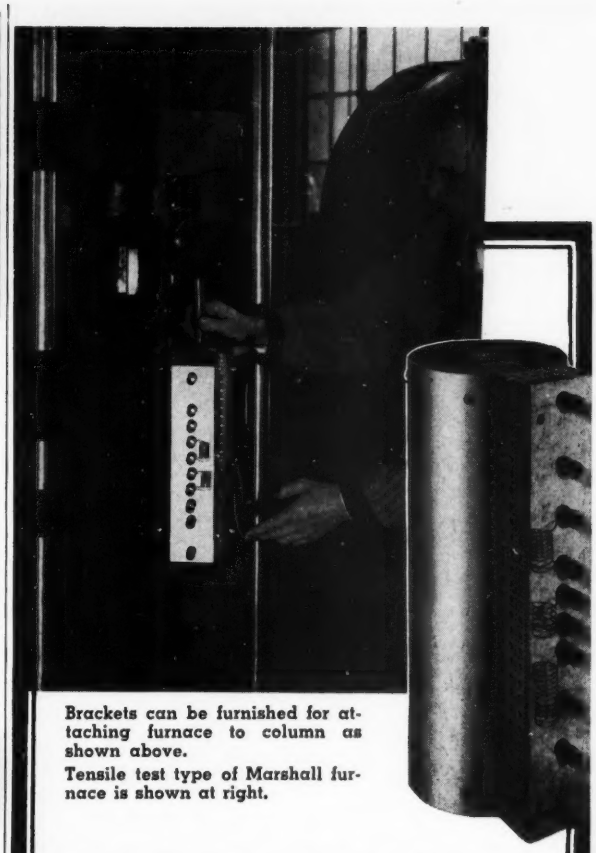

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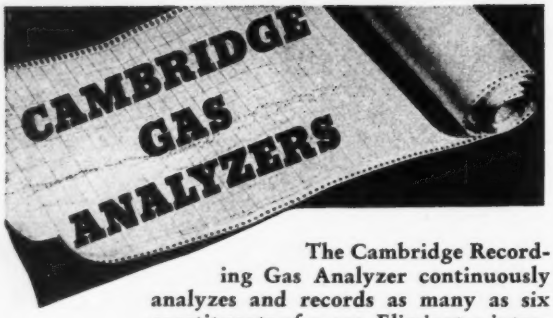


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*Discussor*: With orifice meters on high-viscosity materials, have you been able to improve accuracy due to viscosity effects on the orifice?

*Midlam*: It could possibly be taken care of by higher range tubes. Another thing we have done is draw a series of curves which correct for viscosity and temperature so that when feed tanks are switched the operator can maintain correct solvent ratios.

*Midlam*: The question was asked as to what happened in the MEK system if the solvent flow was lost completely? In that case the relay which was shown in Fig. 3 gets its impulse from the transmitted air on solvent flow of the ratio controller; the relay is set so that if the air falls below a certain point, the relay shuts off the flow of oil to the chillers.

*Discussor*: Mr. Close, of Fluid Control Co. wants to know if you measure viscosity in pipe lines in your plant?

*Midlam*: The only control of viscosity that we have is to adjust the viscosity of the streams from the vacuum unit. This is done by experience. We do little or no blending for viscosity. With this method we finish 200 viscosity from one stream, 350 viscosity from another, etc.

*Discussor*: Joe Lyles of Carbide wants to know details on starting up the auxiliary compressor on the Duo-Sol.

*Midlam*: The primary action for that starter is through a mercury "Mercoid" control system which actuates an across-the-line starter to start the compressor up right across the line; in a few seconds it goes over to normal automatic control.

## PROCESS FLOW SHEETS

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Another method that may simplify process flow and control sheets is to designate heat exchangers or condensers in such a way that the person reading the flow sheet knows what flowing medium is on the shell side and what is on the tube side. This is done by using a dotted line within the exchanger or condenser circle to indicate flow through the tubes. The water flow through a cooler usually is indicated by an arrow diagonally upward through the cooler symbol from left to right.

Another common use of process flow sheets is in the preparation of "flag sheets" which show the important operating variables on an operating unit. This data includes flowing medium, gravity, temperature, and pressure at important points throughout the unit. The data is recorded from actual operation and serves as a record for study by operating personnel, executives, and others interested in unit operations. Due to the limited amount of time that such people have available for studying all operations it is desirable that only essential information be presented on the "flag sheet." A simplified process flow sheet is ideal for this purpose.

### DISCUSSION

*Discussor*: How much instrument information do you include on control diagrams?

*Willoughby*: On new construction or any unit that is in the process of being changed over, each individual application is sketched on a sheet of 8½ x 11 which gives the pipe fitter and the instrument men all the necessary information in regard to fittings and everything that goes with the application.

*Discussor*: Do you make use of the I.S.A. Instrument Symbols?

*Willoughby*: We have not had a complete discussion on the I.S.A. Symbols. However, we have what we consider pretty good symbols. We use those. However, as each man has his own idea and his own symbols, it would be a good idea if we could agree on standard symbols.

*Mr. Harvey, Dow Chemical*: How do you show electric instruments in interlocks on instrument diagrams?

*Willoughby*: On units where there are several of these interlocks, we use a separate print showing the wiring diagram.

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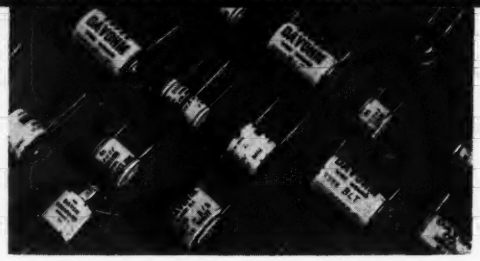

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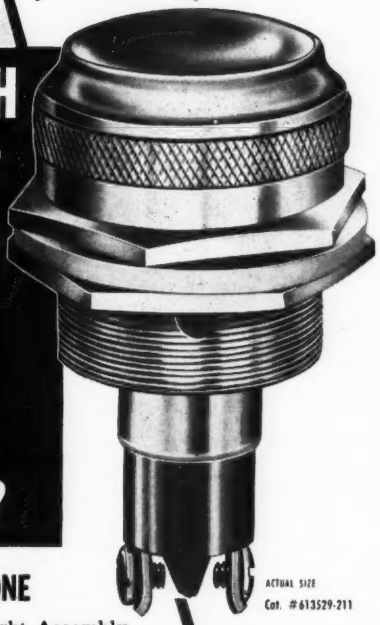

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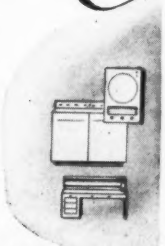

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*Potentiometer Recorders*

The potentiometer recorder, or *d-c. millivolt recorder* (Fig. 14-19) has a circuit similar to that of the bridge recorder except that the input circuit balances potentials rather than resistances or reactances. Note that Figs. 14-18 and 14-19 are alike except for the input circuit.

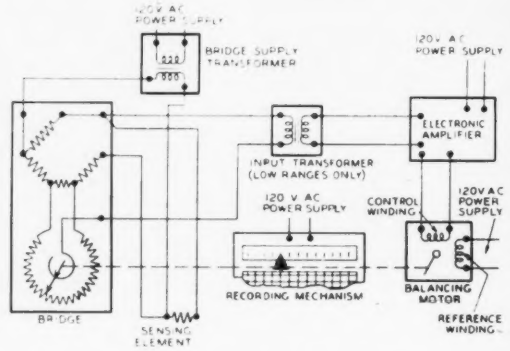


**Fig. 14-18. Bristol "Dynamaster" bridge recorder.**

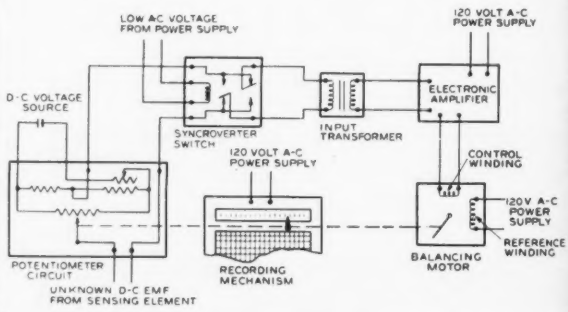


**Fig. 14-19. Bristol "Dynamaster" potentiometer, or millivolt recorder.**

In the d-c. millivolt recorder, the unknown d-c. potential is balanced out by a known potential obtained from a battery across a rheostat. This battery circuit is standardized against a standard cell at intervals to assure that the balancing potential is known accurately. Fig. 14-20 shows a thermocouple used with the Brown "Electronik" millivolt recorder. Note that the d-c. output of the potentiometer circuit is chopped by a converter so that a-c. amplification can be used. All the bridge recorders mentioned previously are available in millivolt-recording types.

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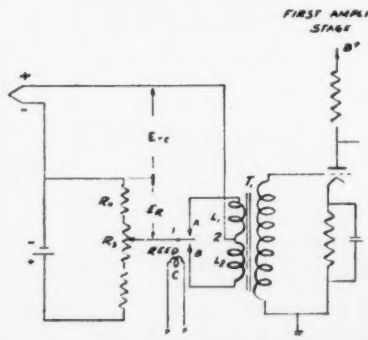


**Fig. 14-20. Input circuit of Brown "Electronik" millivolt recorder used with thermocouple.**

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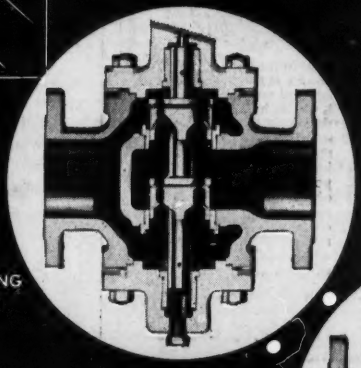

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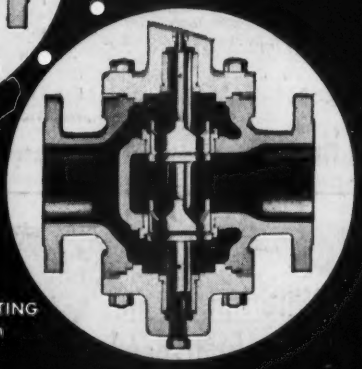

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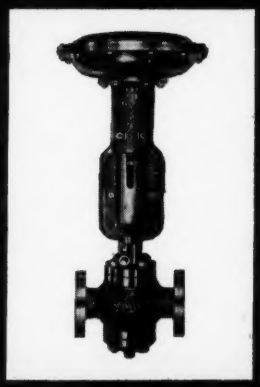

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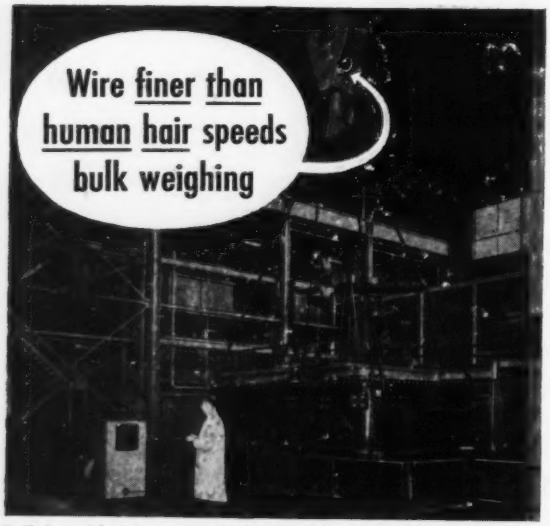


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Fig. 14-21 shows the electronic controller of Leeds & Northrup. The control slidewire is the null-seeking slidewire in the bridge-type recorder (which is not shown). This in turn is in a bridge circuit with another "valve slidewire" attached to the control valve. The amplifier for

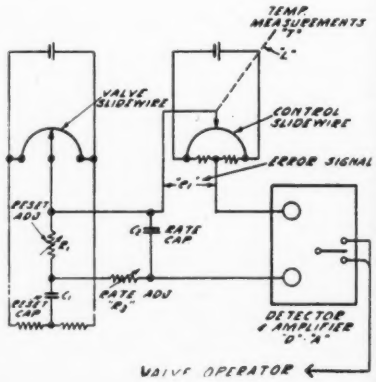


**Fig. 14-21. Leeds & Northrup electronic controller.**

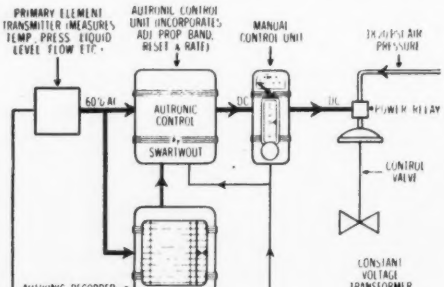


**Fig. 14-22. Swartwout miniature electronic control system.**

control of the "control slidewire" is not shown. Any unbalance between the control slidewire and valve slidewire causes an output signal that energizes the valve operator. However, the response of the valve operator to change in error signal is adjustable in the three basic modes of operation.

Fig. 14-22 is a block diagram of the miniature electronic control system of Swartwout, showing how the control system is used with an electric-to-pneumatic relay for driving diaphragm-motor control valves.

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14-1. A transducer is a device which
(a) changes resistance
(b) changes reactance
(c) changes form of energy
(d) changes signal amplitude

14-2. Which of the following is a resistive pickup?
(a) Thermocouple.
(b) Strain gage.
(c) Piezoelectric crystal.
(d) All the above.

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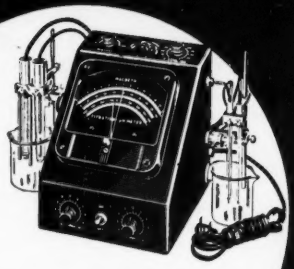

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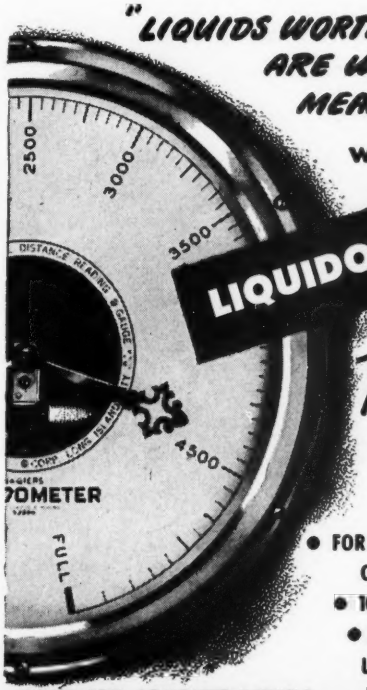


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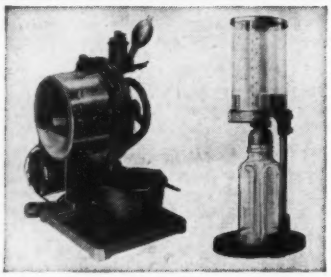

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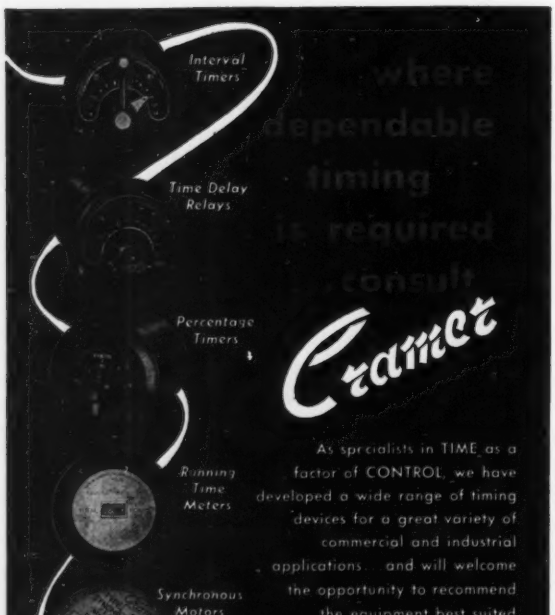
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14-3. Which of the following is a potential-type pickup?
(a) Thermocouple.
(b) Piezoelectric crystal.
(c) pH electrode.
(d) All the above.

14-4. A series circuit for a resistive pickup differs from a bridge circuit in that the former
(a) can be energized by a.c. or d.c.
(b) has zero current at measurement point
(c) is simpler and less expensive
(d) is insensitive to lead-resistance change

14-5. The bridge circuit usually uses two pickup elements in order to
(a) double the output
(b) cancel drift
(c) reduce cost
(d) eliminate the source potential

14-6. The Kelvin bridge differs from the Wheatstone bridge in that the former is
(a) excited by d.c. or a.c.
(b) balanced at measurement
(c) more sensitive
(d) used with high-resistance pickups

14-7. The advantage of resistive pickups over capacitive pickups is
(a) higher stability
(b) higher sensitivity
(c) a-c. operation
(d) all the above

14-8. The advantage of capacitive pickups over resistive pickups is
(a) higher impedance
(b) greater simplicity
(c) simpler measuring circuit
(d) higher sensitivity

14-9. The advantage of bridge circuits over oscillator circuits for measuring capacitance change is
(a) higher stability
(b) higher sensitivity
(c) higher frequency of operation
(d) all the above

14-10. Most inductive pickups operate by changing the
(a) reluctance of their magnetic paths
(b) number of turns in their coils
(c) turns ratio in their coils
(d) ohmic resistance of their windings

14-11. With any type of pickup, the advantage of push-pull output is
(a) higher stability
(b) higher sensitivity
(c) higher linearity
(d) all the above

14-12. Velocity-type inductive pickups differ from other inductive pickups in that the former use
(a) a stationary magnetic field
(b) two coils which change separation
(c) magnetic paths which change reluctance
(d) only one coil

14-13. The advantage of a low-impedance pickup over a high-impedance pickup is that the former requires
(a) less shielding
(b) less amplification
(c) less-stable power supplies
(d) all the above

14-14. The output of very high-impedance pickups such as pH electrodes and ionization chambers is of the order of
(a) micromicroamperes
(b) microamperes
(c) milliamperes
(d) amperes

14-15. The advantage of chopper-type d-c. amplifiers over direct-coupled types is that the former have
(a) noise-free converters
(b) a-c. amplifier stages
(c) fewer components
(d) no power supply

14-16. The ultimate minimum noise level of an amplifier is determined by
(a) microphonics
(b) static
(c) thermal noise in the input
(d) tube noise in all stages

14-17. The noise level of an amplifier can be reduced by
(a) reducing the bandwidth
(b) keeping the input impedance low
(c) reducing microphonics
(d) all the above

14-18. The bridge-type electronic recorder differs from the potentiometer type in that the former
(a) is a servo-operated device
(b) is used with resistive pickups
(c) has a balancing motor
(d) is more complicated

14-19. The basic difference between bridge and potentiometer electronic recorders is the
(a) input circuit
(b) amplifier circuit
(c) balancing motor
(d) recording mechanism

14-20. Modern electronic controllers for industrial processes with difficult transfer and capacity lags have
(a) proportional response
(b) rate response
(c) reset response
(d) all the above

## BLAST FURNACES

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The shell can be drilled and tapped to receive a standard pipe bushing which is welded to the outer end of the protecting tube. Some manufacturers offer a saddle which can be welded to the furnace shell, the saddle having a beveled seat around the insertion hole. A tapered plug is tapped with a standard pipe tap and the protecting tube is chased with three to four inches of thread so as to permit adjustment of the tapered plug on the tube for depth of insertion. The thermocouple then is secured by wedges that hold the plug in the saddle. A more-flexible variation is to weld a three-by-four-inch collar to the shell and a four-bolt flange to the outer end of the collar. A companion flange is used instead of a plug or bushing on the protecting tube and can be securely bolted to the fixed flange on the collar.

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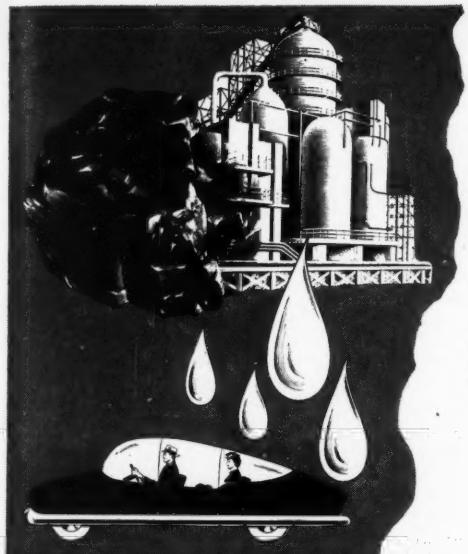

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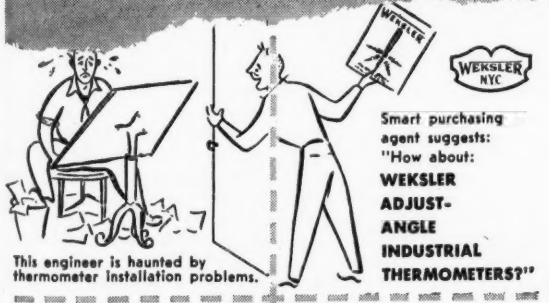


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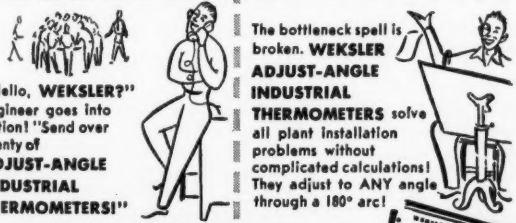

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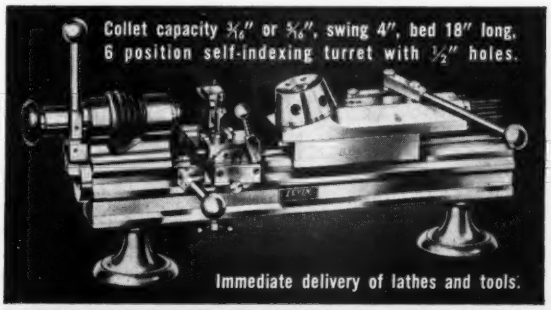
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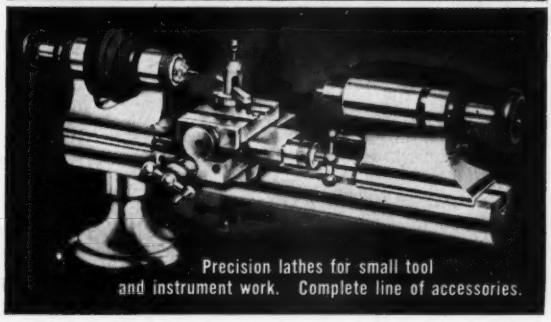

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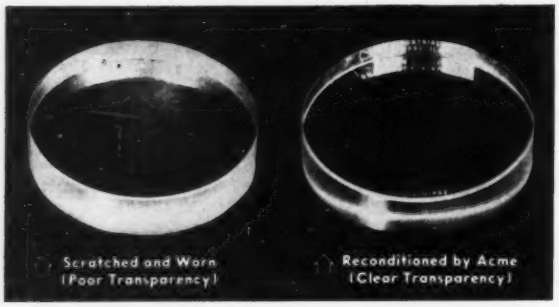


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### Recorders

Highly reliable recording instruments are available for recording the inwall temperatures from one or a battery of thermocouples. Little maintenance is required and calibration checks need be made as infrequently as once every three months. Although the author prefers strip-chart recording pyrometers over circular-chart models, the charts of the latter can be conveniently filed for reference. A multi-point recorder of six points is suggested, but additional recorders are required for more complete temperature data from the inwall. Use of more than a six-point record on standard recorders results in the overlapping of the printed curves. Special recorders can be supplied with a double range and two complete measuring systems printing on a single chart. Electronic instruments of the multi-point printing type are available which scan and print temperatures of six thermocouples in less than a minute. This speed is not required; a speed of one minute per point is adequate.

A simpler installation can be made with an indicating millivoltmeter pyrometer, high speed, with a manually operated scanning switch. With these instruments it is possible to read as many points as there are points on the selector switch. Only the best selector switch should be used because serious errors in reading can be caused by poor contacts in the measuring circuit. The stove or hot blast man can easily record as many as eighteen temperatures hourly by this method, and in two or three minutes.

As blast-furnace operating people generally agree upon the benefits to be derived from the use of inwall temperature measurements, it seems that much information that has been and is being recorded might be assimilated in more intelligible form. Instrumentation in the past ten years may have outstripped the ability of consumers to realize full benefits from it. To obtain these benefits requires advance preparation in assigning people to observe and apply the instruments to the fullest benefit of the operation.


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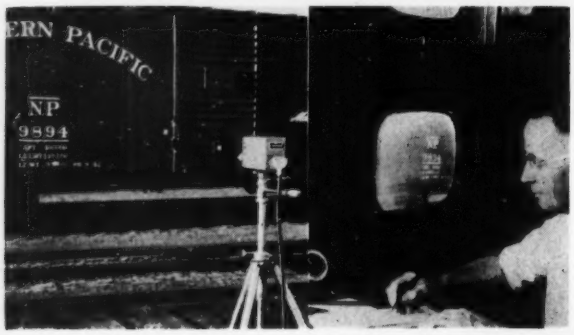
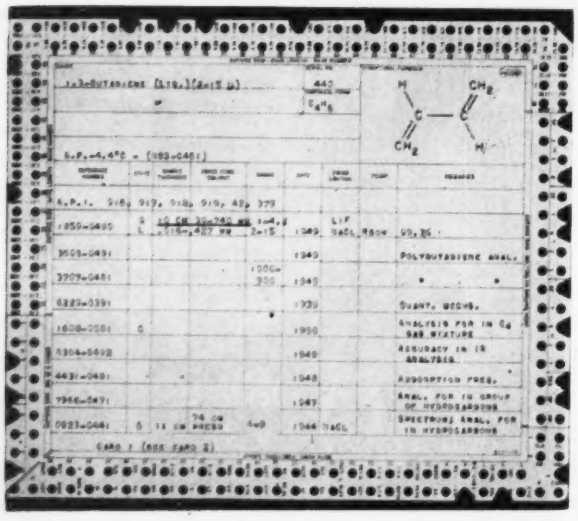



were installed at strategic points throughout the large railroad yard, so that yard operations can be supervised visually from one central location. The cameras were of a type newly developed by RCA Victor, measuring only 3 x 5 x 10 inches.

## Card Catalog of Infrared Spectra

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A comprehensive punch-card catalog of all available data on the infrared spectra of organic and inorganic compounds is being set up by the National Bureau of Standards under the sponsorship of the National Research Council. The cards are sorted with a needle by means of the holes and notches on their edges. The compound card carries on its front face empirical and structural formulas, chemical function group, and a complete bibliography on the compound. On its other side



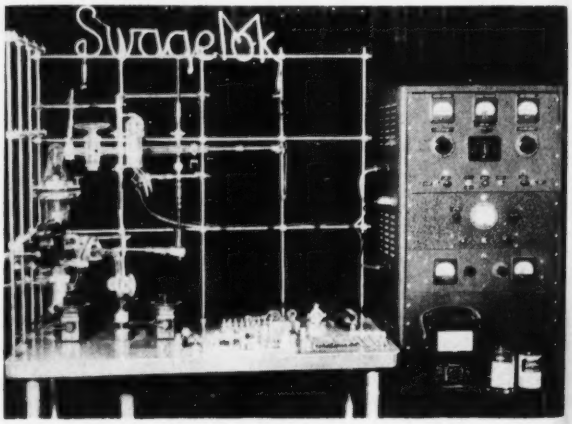
are the infrared spectrum of the compound, a table of wave-lengths of the absorption maxima, and a description of the sample from which the data are taken. For each of the references listed on the compound card, there is an abstract card (not shown).

## Ultra-high Vacuum Demonstrator

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—That the industrial application of ultra-high vacuums is now practical was demonstrated at the Seventh National Instrument Conference and Exhibit on a testing unit developed by William O. Phillips of Cambridge Metal Associates for Crawford Fitting Co., manufacturers of "Swagelok" tube fittings.

Stock "Swagelok" fittings were used in the demonstrator.

Under ideal conditions the combination of a mechanical fore-pump and diffusion pump is capable of $10^{-7}$ mm. mer-




cury, which is another way of saying that the air pressure in the system can be reduced from the normal 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute to 0.00000000194 psia. Actual practice fell one decimal point short of the ultimate—not because the demonstrated fittings leaked, but because of the demonstrator's great number of stopcocks and ground joints and the vapor pressure of the grease. In other words, the practical limit proved to be $10^{-6}$ mm. or $10^{-3}$ micron (a micron is $10^{-3}$ mm.).

Three measuring gages were used on the ultra-high vacuum tester: (1) a thermocouple-type gage reading from 1000 microns to 5 microns; (2) a Philips gage with a pressure range of 25 to 0.02 microns; (3) an ionization gage, the most sensitive of all, having a range of $10^{-4}$ to $10^{-8}$ mm.

## New Extensometer

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—An improved extensometer with new time-saving and protective features has been developed by engineers at Battelle Institute, Columbus, Ohio. The extensometer automatically releases itself from the test specimen before the breaking point is reached and without stopping the test. The breakway feature is particularly useful in high-temperature testing operations. License for its manufacture is yet to be issued.

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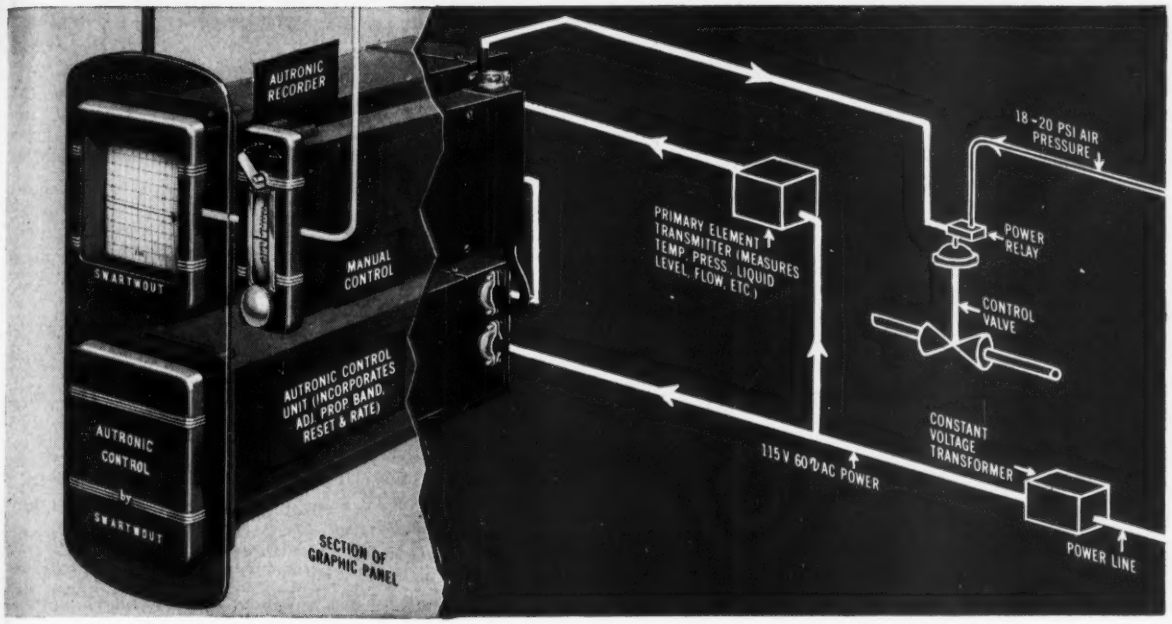
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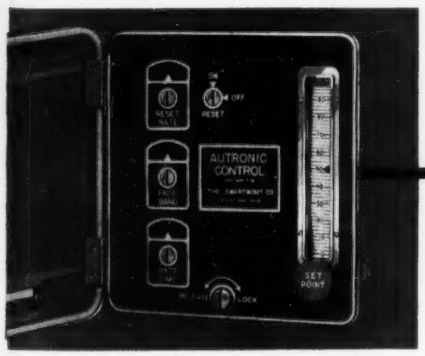


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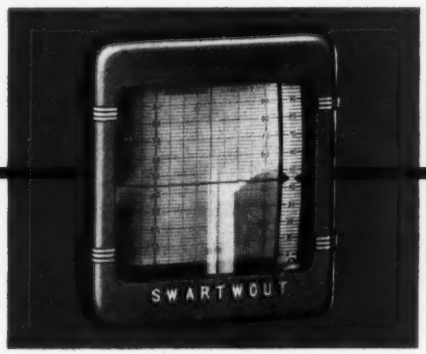


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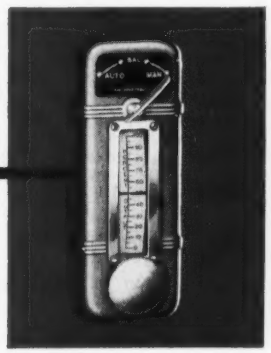

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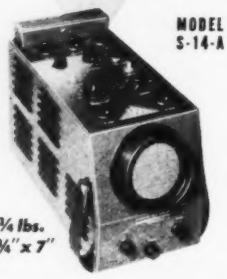

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## Temperature

U-1062 **Resistance Thermometer.** New 12-page Bulletin 230-C describes and illustrates the "Bailey Pyrotron Recorder" for resistance thermometry. Includes features and typical applications.—Bailey Meter Co., 1050 Ivanhoe Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

U-1063 **Vapor-tension Thermometers.** New 30-page illustrated Catalog 76-T describes maker's expanded line of vapor-tension dial thermometers. Includes principles of operation, complete specifications, standard temperature ranges.—Jas. P. Marsh Corp., Skokie, Ill.

U-1064 **Thermocouple Head.** New 2-page illustrated Bulletin 5601 describes maker's multi-purpose screw-type thermocouple head. Includes features and dimensions.—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Sta. 213, Brown Instruments Div., Phila. 44, Penna.

U-1065 **Temperature Test Chambers.** New 8-page illustrated brochure describes features, standard and optional equipment of maker's freezers and test chambers. Includes specifications of complete line.—Webber Appliance Co., Inc., 2740 Madison Ave. Indianapolis 3, Ind.

U-1066 **Test-chamber Control.** New 4-page Instrumentation Data Sheet 11.0-5a illustrates and describes maker's instrumentation of test chambers made by Tenney Engineering Co. Discusses control problems; gives uses and equipment requirements.—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Sta. 213, Brown Instruments Div., Phila. 44, Penna.

U-1067 **Temperature Bath.** Two new bulletins illustrate and describe maker's constant-temperature bath and refrigerated cloud and pour test apparatus for laboratory use. Includes features and application.—Krebs Elec. & Mfg. Co., Inc., 237 Lafayette St., New York 12, N. Y.

U-1068 **Thermometers.** New 4-page Catalog 16-A illustrates and describes maker's line of thermometers for general utility use.—H-B Instrument Co., 2633 Trenton Ave., Phila. 25, Penna.

U-1069 **Thermometers.** New 4-page Catalog A-52 illustrates and describes over 200 different thermometers from minus 330 to plus 760 deg. F.—Brooklyn Thermometer Co., 217-09 Merrick Blvd., New York, N. Y.

U-1070 **Pyrometer.** New 2-page Bulletin 17 illustrates and describes maker's portable indicating pyrometer and millivoltmeter for laboratory and industrial use.—Thermo Electric Mfg. Co., Dubuque, Iowa.

U-1071 **Thermistor Thermometer.** New 2-page Engineering Form 13-652 illustrates and describes maker's temperature-indicating instrument for from 15 to 120 F. in 6 ranges. Gives applications, specifications, and features.—Beckman & Whitley, Inc., 930 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, Calif.

U-1072 **Molten-bath Temperature.** New 4-page Data Sheet 6.4-8a covers basic instrumentation requirements for measurement of molten-steel temperatures. Describes "Electronik" recorder with integral balance detector and signalling unit, and description of thermocouple assembly, sample chart record, and specifications for installation.—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Phila. 44, Penna.

U-1073 **Strip Heaters.** New 4-page issue 48 of "Chromalox News" illustrates and describes maker's line of 500-watt "Chromalox" strip heaters with article on heating problems.—Edwin L. Wiegand Co., 7500 Thomas Blvd., Pittsburgh 8, Penna.

U-1074 **Temperature Indicator.** New supplementary sheet includes instructions for using "Tempilaq" to determine attained temperature. Special techniques are discussed.—Tempil Corp., 11 W. 25th St., New York 10, N. Y.

## Pressure

U-1075 **Pressure Gages.** New 42-page catalog describes and illustrates maker's large line of pressure gages and accessories. Includes condensed chart on specifications, individual specifications, applications, and prices.—J. E. Lonergan Co., 2nd and Race Sts., Phila. 6, Penna.

U-1076 **Pressure Regulator and Pump Governor.** 4-page Bulletins Nos. 101, 2, 3, and 6 illustrate and describe maker's pressure regulator and pump governor (steam, air and water); steam and air traps for 600-lb. pressure; automatic boiler feed-water controller; reducing and regulating valves. Includes complete installation instructions.—The C. E. Squire Co., 18502 Syracuse Ave., Cleveland 10, Ohio.

U-1077 **Vacuum Apparatus.** New 6-page Bulletin 12-k illustrates and describes maker's burner torches, gas-air mixers, fishtail burners, blow torches,

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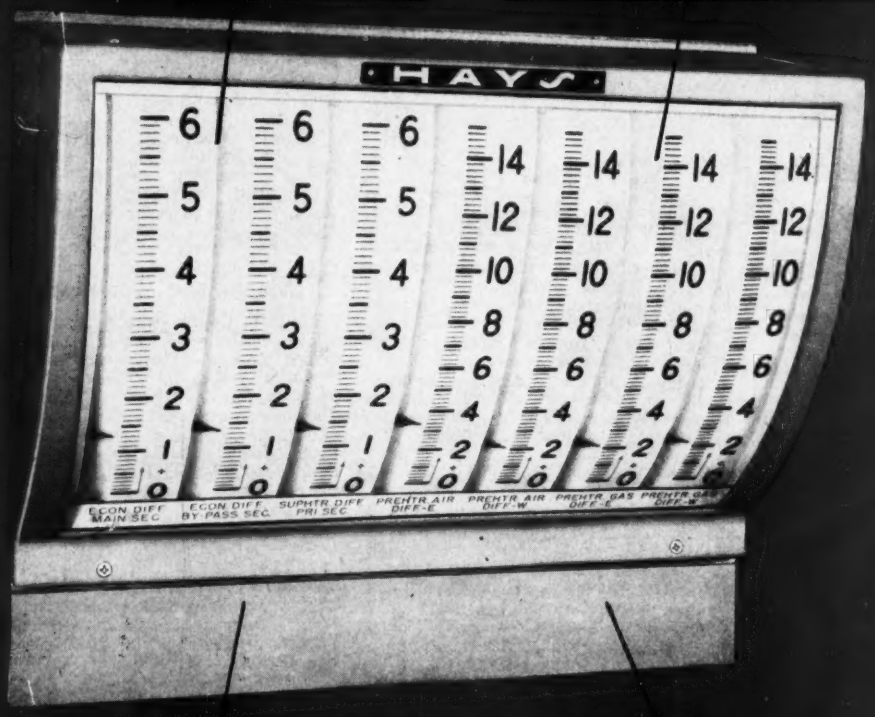


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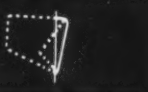

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U-1079 **Pressure Transducers.** New 2-page illustrated brochure describes maker's "Model-D" pressure transducer for from 0-20 to 200 psi. Includes construction details, principle, and specifications.—Servonic Instruments, 1193 W. Second St., Pamona, Calif.

## Flow

U-1080 **Flowmeters.** New 26-page Catalog 2300 describes and illustrates maker's new line of evenly graduated flowmeters. Covers characterized bell for square-root extraction, and electronic integrating mechanism. Includes electric meter utilizing induction-bridge system for remote measurements, "ElectroniK" flow recorder-indicator, and area-type meter for measurement of viscous flows.—Sta. 213, Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Phila. 44, Penna.

U-1081 **Flow Indicators.** New 12-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's line of flow indicators that indicate fluid flow and its direction in pipelines by position of a flapper or ball, or by rotation of wheel observed through sight glass. Includes applications, specifications, types, and operation.—Schutte and Koerting Co., Cornwells Heights, Bucks County, Penna.

U-1082 **Photoelectric Flow Monitor.** New 2-page Bulletin 522 describes application of "electric eyes" to process industries—monitoring of process flows and techniques used for gases or liquids. Includes drawings of sample tank and look boxes.—Ess Instrument Co., 96 S. Washington Ave., Bergenfield, N. J.

U-1083 **Open Flow Nozzle.** New 8-page Bulletin 135-J5 illustrates and describes open-flow "Kennison Nozzle" which measures flow of liquids with or without suspended matter. Includes construction, dimensions, installation, capacities, and accuracy data.—Builders-Providence, Inc., Providence, R. I.

## Process Control

U-1084 **Pneumatic Controller.** 20-page Catalog C-50 illustrates and describes maker's "P-4 Pneumatrol" pneumatic controller for industrial processes. Includes principles, construction, and accessories.—Fischer & Porter Co., Hatboro, Penna.

U-1085 **Power-plant Control Systems.** New 12-page Bulletin 15-H contains descriptions, diagrams, and photographs of maker's large line of meters and controllers for various types of power plants and industrial processes. Includes operation and applications.—Bailey Meter Co., 1044 Ivanhoe Rd., Cleveland 10, Ohio.

U-1086 **Manual Controller.** New 4-page Bulletin A-705 on "Type M2C Autronic Manual Controls" includes phantom and schematic views, features, operating principles, and performance characteristics of manual control unit for use with maker's electronic control system.—The Swartwout Co., 18511 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

U-1087 **Liquid-level Controller.** New 12-page illustrated Bulletin 2503 describes maker's float and flexible-shaft type liquid-level controllers. Includes principles, advantages, specifications, and installation details.—Moore Products Co., H & Lycoming, Phila. 24, Pa.

U-1088 **Magnetic Amplifiers.** New 2-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's magnetic amplifiers. Includes information on features and applications.—Acme Electronics Inc., 300 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

## Steam and Combustion

U-1089 **Combustion Safeguard.** New 4-page Bulletin 9603 describes and illustrates maker's multiple-burner "Protectoglo" systems. Includes system components, options available, dimensional and operational data, and combustion safeguard systems.—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Phila. 44, Penna.

U-1090 **Steam Specialties.** New 32-page catalog 68F describes and illustrates maker's steam traps, strainers, regulating and reducing valves, separators, and vacuum and lifting traps. Includes applications, dimensions, and prices. Also steam table.—Strong, Carlisle & Hammond Co., 1392 W. Third St., Cleveland 13, Ohio.

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## Computers

U-1092 **Electronic Computer.** New 24-page illustrated brochure describes maker's "REAC" office-size electronic computer and its various applications. Includes comprehensive explanation on theory of operation with diagrammed examples and units.—Reeves Instrument Corp., 215 E. 91st St., New York 28, N. Y.

U-1093 **Computer Amplifier.** New 3-page brochure illustrates and describes maker's utilized operational amplifier for d-c. analog systems, fast and slow. Includes specifications and suggested applications.—George A. Philbrick Researches, Inc., 230 Congress St., Boston 10, Mass.

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Logistics Research Co. 141 South Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif.

## Servomechanisms

U-1095 **Servomechanisms.** New 20-page booklet MDA 200 describes and illustrates maker's foundation boards, mounting blocks, bearing blocks, shafts, gears, couplings, and other servomechanism components, including specifications.—Servomechanisms Inc., Post and Stewart Ave., Westbury, N. Y.

## Testing and Inspection

U-1096 **Dynamometers.** New 2-page illustrated Form 882 describes maker's dynamometers, thermometers, universal testers, and mechanical pressure gages for industrial use.—W. C. Dillon & Co., Inc., 14620 Keswick St., Van Nuys, Calif.

U-1097 **Vibration Testing.** New 24-page illustrated Bulletin 1-VE describes maker's extensive line of vibration exciters and calibrators. Includes principles, applications, specifications, and accessories.—The M B Mfg. Co., Inc., 1060 State St., New Haven 11, Conn.

U-1098 **Spring Tester.** New 4-page brochure ilustrates and describes maker's spring testers and coilers for compression and extension springs. Includes operation, construction, accuracy, accessories, and capacity listings.—The Carlson Co., 277 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y.

U-1099 **Surface Roughness.** New 4-page illustrated Bulletin L21 "How to Specify Surface Roughness—and Why" describes surface roughness specifications. Tells where and how to apply specifications.—Micrometrical Mfg. Co., 345 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

U-1100 **Strain and Temperature Recorder.** New 8-page brochure describes and illustrates maker's dynamic temperature and strain recorder "Model 204." Includes features, uses, components and performance specifications.—Allegheny Instruments Co., Inc., 1000 Oldtown Rd., Cumberland, Md.

U-1101 **Magnetic Flaw Detectors.** New 4-page brochure illustrates and describes operation and advantages of maker's "Probotester" and "Proboscope" for testing iron and steel parts for flaws.—Magnetic Analysis Corp., 42 Twelfth St., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

U-1102 **Testing Machine.** New 4-page Bulletin 4202 illustrates and describes "Baldwin-Emery SR-4" testing machine of 50,000-lb. capacity. Explains operation, specifications, and auxiliary devices.—Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp., Phila. 42, Penna.

U-1103 **Magnetic Analysis Equipment.** New 32-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's magnetic inspection equipment. Gives samples of flaws found only by magnetic inspection. Includes applications, advantages, and methods. Lists users.—Magnetic Analysis Corp., 42 12th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

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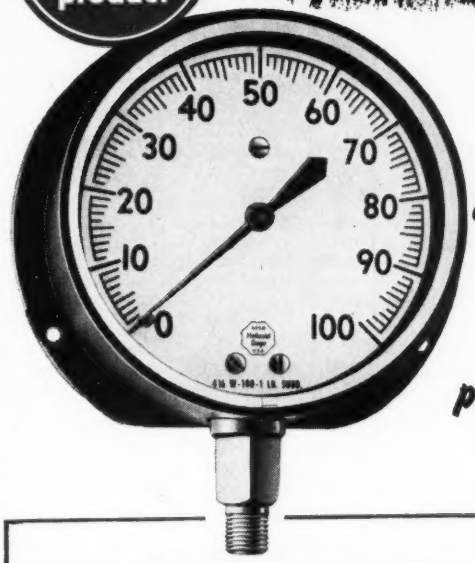

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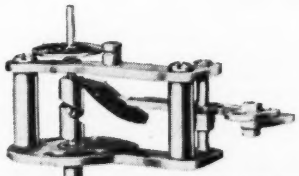

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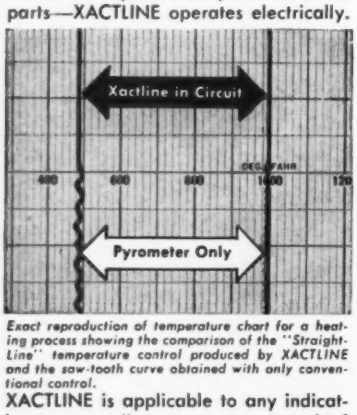


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"Model 44." Includes construction, features, and specifications.—Berkshire Laboratories, Lincoln, Mass.

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U-1105 **Measuring Microscopes.** New 26-page illustrated Bulletin 161-48 describes maker's measuring microscopes. Includes optic principles, selection and use, and construction of maker's microscopes. Also types and applications.—The Gaertner Scientific Corp., 1201 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

U-1106 **Microscope.** New 8-page Bulletin 147-50 describes and illustrates maker's toolmakers' microscope. Includes features, general description, accessories, prices, and condensed specifications.—The Gaertner Scientific Corp., 1201 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

U-1107 **Microscope.** New 2-page Bulletin 183-50 describes and illustrates maker's spotting attachment for maker's toolmaker's microscope. Includes information as to applications and operation.—The Gaertner Scientific Corp., 1201 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

U-1108 **ITV Camera.** New 2-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's portable industrial television camera. Includes applications and dimensions.—Dage Electronics Corp., 69 N. 2nd St., Beech Grove, Ind.

## Laboratory Apparatus

U-1109 **Laboratory Apparatus.** New 20-page No. 52-10-48 issue of the "Announcer" illustrates and describes Zahn viscosimeters, variable transformers, temperature recorder, refractometers, and mercury purification apparatus. Includes article on mercury purification. —Eberbach & Son Co., Ann Arbor, Mich.

U-1110 **Laboratory Apparatus.** 40-page Vol. 22 No. issue of "The Laboratory" describes B & L refractometer and other instruments for laboratory use—unitized bath system, tester for combustible material, clinical electrophotometer for medical diagnoses and new semi-micro centrifuge.—Fisher Scientific Co., 717 Forbes St., Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

U-1111 **Laboratory Apparatus.** New 8-page issue Vol. 4, No. 2 of "Lanco Apparatus News" describes "Con-Wate" mechanical convection oven, thermoregulators, refractometers and other laboratory apparatus.—Arthur S. La Pine & Co., 6001 S. Knox Ave., Chicago 29, Ill.

U-1112 **Laboratory Apparatus.** New 4-page general index to Gaertner literature gives alphabetical list of bulletins and booklets available on Gaertner products. Includes bulletins in print or in preparation.—The Gaertner Scientific Corp., 1201 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

U-1113 **Balance.** New 8-page booklet describes direct-reading, single-pan "Gram-atic" balance, which eliminates all handling of weights, gives readings in 20 seconds. Outlines weighing procedure, lists balance specifications.—Fisher Scientific Co., 717 Forbes St., Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

U-1114 **Photoelasticity Demonstrator.** New 2-page bulletin illustrates and describes maker's "P-4" polaroid photoelastic demonstration apparatus. Includes plastic specimens.—Ann Arbor Instrument Works, Ann Arbor, Mich.

## Chemical Process Analysis

U-1115 **pH.** New 4-page Data Sheet 10.7-1 describes and illustrates maker's system for automatic recording and control of pH. Includes discussion of measuring system components, adjustments for operation, and systems for electric or pneumatic modes of control.—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Phila. 44, Penna.

U-1116 **X-ray Analysis.** New 8-page illustrated booklet describes maker's 3 X-ray techniques for nondestructive analysis. Includes principles of operations, and field of application with expected results.—North American Philips Co., Inc., 750 So. Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

U-1117 **Mass Spectrometer.** New 2-page Bulletin MS 1 illustrates and describes maker's mass spectrometer "Model M 60" for analysis of isotopic and complex gas mixtures.—Process & Instruments, 60 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn 22, N. Y.

U-1118 **Conductometer.** New 8-page edition No. 9 of "The Beckman Bulletin" details the theory and design of maker's high-frequency conductometer for detecting end points in titration reactions, plus other illustrated articles on new instruments and accessories.—Beckman Instruments, Inc., S. Pasadena 3, Calif.

U-1119 **Electroconvection Apparatus.** New 2-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's "Raymond" electroconvection apparatus for fractionation of colloid mixtures by electrophoretic technique. Includes features and applications.—E-C Apparatus Co., 23 Haven Ave., New York 32, N. Y.

U-1120 **Centrifugal Contactors.** 20-page illustrated Brochure 10 contains "album" of installations of maker's centrifugal multi-stage counter-current contactors. Includes principles, features, models, and many installation pictures. —Podbielniak, Inc., 341 E. Ohio St., Chicago 11, Ill.

U-1121 **Viscometer.** New data sheet describes operation and features of maker's temperature compensator and multiprobe system for ultrasonic viscometer.—The Ultra-Viscoson Corp., 1240 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

U-1122 **Gas Liquefiers.** New 24-page illustrated brochure describes maker's liquefiers for helium, hydrogen, and oxygen. Also other equipment for producing, handling, and storing liquefied gases.—Arthur D. Little, Inc., 30 Memorial Dr., Cambridge 42, Mass.

## Radioactivity

U-1123 **Nuclear Instruments.** New 12-page catalog and price list gives maker's line of nuclear instruments, accessories and services. Includes scalers, counters, detectors.—Nucleonic Co. of America, 497 Union St., Brooklyn 31, N. Y.

## Valves

U-1124 **Safety and Relief Valves.** New 86-page Bulletin 800 V completely illustrates and describes maker's extensive line of safety and relief valves for boilers, hydraulic systems, etc. Includes construction, new features, prices, and specifications.—J. E. Lonergan Co., 2nd and Race, Phila. 6, Penna.

U-1125 **Steam-pressure Regulating Valves.** New 12-page bulletin 535 describes and illustrates maker's line of steam-pressure regulating valves, and introduces three new items. Complete sizing tables are included and a section on "Choosing A Regulating Valve." —D'Este Div., Kaye & Mac Donald, Inc., 11 Central Ave., West Orange, N. J.

U-1126 **Gate Valve.** New 4-page Bulletin 535 illustrates and describes features and specifications of maker's new 75-psi. gate valve with aluminum body.—The Parker Appliance Co., 17325 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

U-1127 **Relief Valves.** New 2-page Bulletin L-108 describes and illustrates maker's combination temperature and pressure relief valves for hot water tanks and heaters. Include pressure relief capacities chart.—McDonnell & Miller, Inc., 3500 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago 18, Ill.

U-1128 **Solenoid-operated Valves.** New 4-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's solenoid-operated valves. Includes operation, types, applications, and dimensions.—Atkomatic Valve Co. 545 West Abbott St., Indianapolis, Ind.

## Tubing and Fittings

U-1129 **Aluminum Fittings.** New 4-page Bulletin 4316 B2 illustrates and describes maker's line of "Triple Lok" fittings. Includes hydraulic and fluid handling applications where aluminum tubed systems can be used.—The Parker Appliance Co., 17325 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

U-1130 **Flexible Tubing.** New 16-page illustrated catalog CC-400 describes maker's flexible metal hose and tubing made in two basic types: seamless and strip wound. Shows wide range of available alloys and sizes, applications, and fittings.—The American Brass Co., American Metal Hose Branch, Waterbury 20, Conn.

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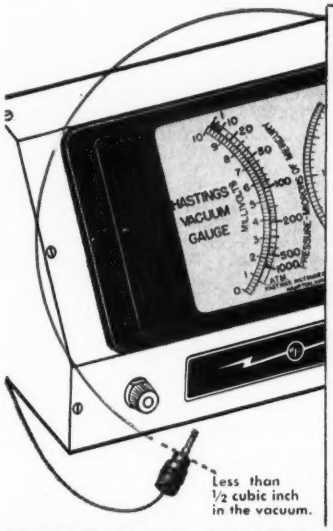


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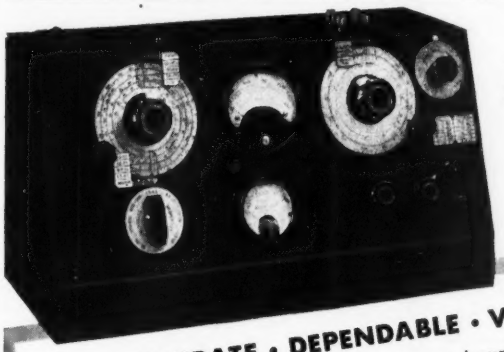

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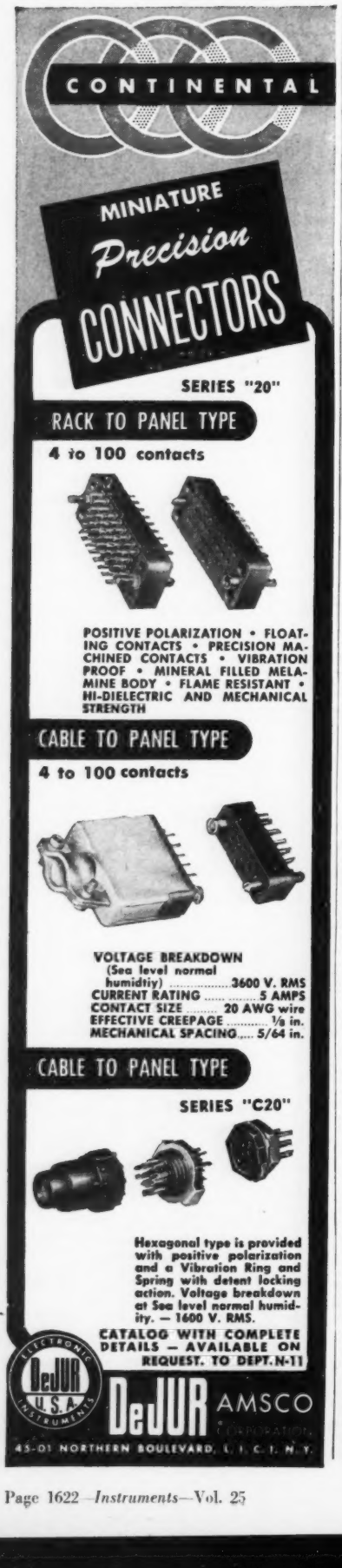
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**U-1134 Electronic Recorders.** New 8-page issue Vol. 12 No. 2 of "Modern Precision" describes maker's "Speedomax" X-Y recorder for industrial use. Includes other articles on control instruments employed by process industries.—Leeds & Northrup Co., 4907 Stenton Ave., Phila. 44, Penna.

**U-1135 Recording Oscillographs.** New 8-page September issue of "Brush Strokes" illustrates and describes maker's recording oscillographs and amplifiers used to record operation of resistance-welding machines.—The Brush Development Co., 3322 Perkins Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

**U-1136 Recorders.** New 16-page Bulletin 23M describes and illustrates features of maker's direct-writing recorders. Lists users and representatives.—Sanborn Co., Industrial Div., Cambridge 39, Mass.

**U-1137 Multi-channel Recording.** New 12-page Vol. 2 No. 3 issue of "Hathaway Engineering News" includes articles on high-voltage oscillograph, strain measurement, and transient measurements.—Hathaway Instrument Co., 1315 So. Clarkson, Denver, Colo.

## Timers

**U-1138 Automatic Timers.** New 2-page Bulletin Z-52, 652, 452 illustrate and describe maker's automatic timers for industrial and general use. Gives features, applications, and principles of operation.—The Tork Clock Co., Inc., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

## Microwave Equipment

**U-1139 Microwave Equipment.** New 134-page illustrated catalog describes maker's complete line of adapters, oscillator units, detector holders, antennas, tees, waveguide switches, etc. Opening 36 pages are devoted to microwave principles. Section of 21 pages on uses of microwave test equipment and calibration procedures.—De Mornay-Bonardi, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.

**U-1140 Microwave Instruments.** New 4-page illustrated brochure describes maker's "Microwave Mega-Nodes" for noise-figure measurements; "Centilator" signal sources; "Microwave Mega-Match" for X-band impedance-match indicator. Give specifications.—Kav Electric Co., 25 Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N. J.

**U-1141 Microwave Assemblies.** New 6-page folder describes and illustrates maker's microwave components and ability to fabricate precision assemblies according to manufacturers' needs. Includes history of service.—N.R.K. Mfg. & Engineering Co., 5644 N. Western Ave., Chicago 45, Ill.

## Resistance and Continuity

**U-1142 Resistance Meter.** New 4-page brochure illustrates and describes new Model C-3 resistance meter for leakage and continuity. Includes circuit description, construction, and specifications.—Southwestern Industrial Electronics Co., Inc., 2831 Post Oak Rd., Houston 19, Texas.

**U-1143 Continuity and Leakage Tester.** New 2-page brochure illustrates and describes maker's "Auditone" continuity and leakage tester which checks circuits from zero to 100 megohms.—Peschel Electronics, Inc., 13 Garden St., New Rochelle, N. Y.

**U-1144 Filament and Continuity Checker.** New 2-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's filament and continuity checker "Model FC-1." Includes features, price, and operation.—Pomona Electronics Co., Pomona, Calif.

**U-1145 Insulation Tester.** New 4-page Bulletin 461 describes and illustrates new "Model P-1" plug-in-type "Megohmeter" insulation tester. Includes information on power supply, plug-in socket, and specifications.—Herman H. Sticht Co., Inc., 27 Park Place, New York, N. Y.

**U-1146 Soil-resistivity Apparatus.** Illustrated brochures describe maker's soil rods, electrodes, and galvanometers for measuring electrical resistivity of soils, waters, emulsions, etc. Includes construction and operation.—J. L. Collins, Angleton, Texas.

**U-1147 High-Potential Test Set.** New 4-page illustrated brochure describes operation, advantages, and safety features of maker's d-c. high-potential test and cable fault-locating set for use on power cable systems.—Peschel Electronics, Inc., 13 Garden St., New Rochelle, N. Y.

## Communication and Telemetering

**U-1148 Amplifiers and Communication Equipment.** New 16-page Catalog 16 illustrates and describes maker's extensive line of amplifiers, tape and disk recording apparatus, sound systems, and film recording equipment. Gives specifications; circuit layout, accessories.—Cinema Engineering Co., 1510 W. Verdugo Ave., Burbank, Calif.

**U-1149 Telemetering Equipment.** New 4-page brochure presents illustrated descriptions of maker's airborne and ground station equipment and accessories for radio telemetering. Includes features and applications.—Applied Science Corp. of Princeton, P. O. Box 44, Princeton, N. J.

**U-1150 Voice Communication.** New 4-page illustrated Bulletin 26 presents maker's "Audiophone" systems for mines and industrial plants. Includes advantages, typical applications, wiring diagram, and component parts.—Farmers Engineering and Mfg. Co., Irwin, Penna.

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U-1152 **Miniature Amplifier-bridge.** New 4-page Folder AD-312 illustrates and describes maker's lightweight miniature amplifier-bridge for capacity-type fuel-gage system. Includes circuit, features, and construction.—Simmonds Aerocessories, Inc., 105 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, N. Y.

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U-1153 **Oscillator.** New 4-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's "Model MB-1" low-distortion battery-operated oscillator. Includes schematic circuit diagram, circuit description, and specifications.—Southwestern Industrial Electronics Co., Inc., 2831 Post Oak Rd., Houston 19, Texas.

U-1154 **Audio Signal Generators.** New 4-page Vol. 3 No. 12 issue of the "Hewlett-Packard Journal" illustrates and describes maker's audio signal generators. Completely details principles of operation and basic circuit arrangements.—Hewlett-Packard Co., 395 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif.

## Oscilloscopes

U-1155 **Oscillograph.** New 4-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's portable oscillograph "Model 1039." Includes power rating, dimensions, and descriptions of amplifier and cathode-ray tube.—Beam Instruments Corp., Empire State Bldg., 350 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y.

U-1156 **Cathode-ray Oscillograph.** New 12-page Bulletin A-04-A illustrates and describes maker's "Type 304-A" cathode-ray oscillograph. Includes principles, operation, calibration, and specifications.—Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., 1500 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J.

## Bridges

U-1157 **Vacuum-tube Bridge.** New 8-page issue Vol. 27 No. 4 of "The General Radio Experimenter" contains technical article on maker's vacuum-tube bridge and accessories. Includes specifications and principles.—General Radio Co., 275 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Mass.

## Power Supplies

U-1158 **Regulated Power Supplies.** New 2-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's regulated d-c. power supply "Model S-715." Includes size, weight, input, and output specifications.—Acme Electronics, Inc., 300 North Lake Ave., Pasadena 4, Calif.

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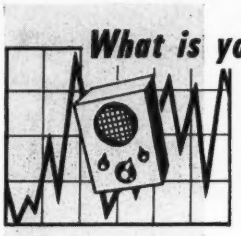

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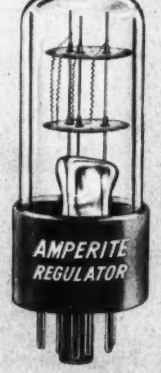

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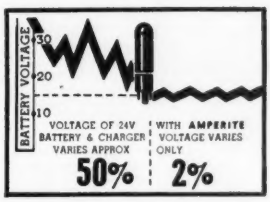


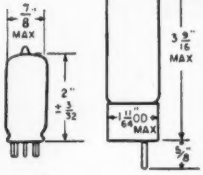


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U-1160 **Voltage Stabilizers.** New 12-page illustrated Bulletin GEA-5754 describes maker's automatic magnetic-capacitive voltage stabilizers for from 15 to 5000 volt-amperes. Includes operation, principle, construction, and specifications.—General Electric, Schenectady 5, N. Y.

U-1161 **Dynamotors.** New 8-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's specialized dynamotors. Includes information on construction, operation characteristics, design factors, and dimensions.—Red Bank Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Red Bank, N. J.

U-1162 **Inverter.** New 2-page bulletin describes maker's "Type 32E03-1" inverter that changes 26 to 29 volts d.c. to 115 volts a.c. Includes description, specification, and design features.—Red Bank Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Eatontown, N. J.

U-1163 **Regulated Power Supply.** New 2-page bulletin describes and illustrates maker's voltage regulator "Model 141" with high-voltage B supply and filament supply. Includes specifications.—Kepko Laboratories, Inc., 131 Stanford Ave., Flushing 55, N. Y.

U-1164 **Power Supplies.** New 4-page Catalog EA10512M gives d-c. voltage, current, ripple, regulation, and approximate price of maker's power supplies for voltages from 0-300 to over 300,000 volts. Also described are maker's equipment and projection oscilloscope.—Beta Electric Corp., 333 E. 103 St., New York 29, N. Y.

U-1165 **Inverter.** New 2-page bulletin 98-11C describes and illustrates maker's inverter that changes a d-c. input of 26 to 29 volts to an a-c. output of 115 volts. Includes specifications and design features.—Eclipse-Pioneer Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, N. J.

### Motors

U-1166 **Fractional-hp. Motors.** New 4-page issue Vol. 32 No. 5 of "The Bodine Motorgram" features articles on (1) use of maker's reducer motor with telephone transmitters and (2) temperature rise measurements in motors.—Bodine Electric Co., 2250 W. Ohio St., Chicago 12, Ill.

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